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COMPRISING：
A SYSTEM OF MERCHANTS ACCOUNTS， foundedon
REALBUSINESS，

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ADAPTED TO MODERN PRACTICE．
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## ADVERTISEMENT

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## THIRD EDITION.

THE following are the additions and alterations made to this impression. The Second Set of Books is enlarged in order to render it of sufficient length for the general use of Schools ; the Third Set being rather adapted to the higher classes in commercial learning.

To the Appendix is added a vocabulary of Commercial Terms, including an explanation of the Stocks and public Funds. $\Lambda$ description is likewise given of the principles and operations of Banks and Banking Houses.

As the successive Editions of $a$ Work of this kind should exhibit the Improvements which take place in Commerce, alterations are accordingly introduced into the present edition, particularly in the Sales Book, which is made to correspond with the: regulations lately established at the West India Docks.

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## DIRECTIONS

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## THE STUDY OF THIS WORK.

When the Learner has studied the Introductory Part of this Work, so as to understand the Principles and Rules contained in the first 14 pages, he should copy the Waste Book, p. 8, and thence form the Journal and Ledger himself:

He should proceed in the same manner with the Second Set of Books, copying the Waste Book only, and thence making the Journal, Ledger, Trial Balance, and General Balance, without any other assistance, than occasionally comparing his performance with the Book, or submitting it to his Teacher.

Before the Learner begins the Third Set of Books, he should understand the Plan and Arrangement (as stated p. 45) and also the Calculations of the Invoice and Sales Books : he should then copy the Waste Book, Bill Book, Invoice and Sales Books; and from these form the Cash Book himself, according to the Directions, p. 97.-He should next Journalise the Waste Book and the Subsidiary, Books in Monthly Divisions, as directed p. 104 ;and lastly post the Journal to the Ledger, according to the Rules, p. 125. -The Cash Book, Journal, and Ledger, should be first made out on waste Paper.

The Forin, Size and Ruling of the Books, should correspond with the models here given; but it is indifferent whether one or more be contained in the same binding.-The Author's practice has been to comprise the whole system in five Books. - -1 , the Waste Book and Cash Book; 2, the Invoice and Sales Books; 3 , the Bill Book; 4, the Journal; and 5, the Ledger.-It greatly facilitates the Work to make the Pages of the different Books agree with those of the printed Copy.

The study of Exchanges should precede that of Book-keeping, and it seems scarcely necessary to observe, that all the Rules and Tables should be fairly written, and the Questions accurately performed.

## PREFACE.

' $\mathbf{T}_{\text {hough }}$ the utility and importance of Book-keeping be universally understood and acknowledged, the use of any new vi ork on the subject may be questioned, when so many Systems have been written already by men of talents and learning. It is a fact, however, well known, though not easily accounted for, that there is not, in this great commercial nation, any Elemientary Treatise that accords with the improved practice of the Coun-ting-house. The object, therefore, of the present undertaking is, to explain the Principles and Modern Improvements of Merchants' Accounts-to illustrate Rules by real Transactions-and thus to unite a knowledge of Business with that of Book-keeping.

This Work consists- of Three Sets of Books:-The first explains the Elements of Single and Double Entry, in a concise and simple manner:-The second is a further and more complex Exercise in Double Entry : it is arranged according to the Theories generally taught in Schools, and, like these, founded on imaginary transactions : but the third Set is founded on Real Business; that is, the materials which compose this System have been selected from the Books of different Merchants, and arranged according to the most'approved practice of the first Counting-houses. This practice does not consist in any change of the principles of Double Entry, but in the adoption of Subsidiary Books, and in the classification of similar Accounts-arrangements which greatly promote perspicuity, precision, and dispatch.

In order to account for the present state of Book-keeping, both in Theory and Practice, it will be necessary to give a concise view of its History. The following sketch is therefore at tempted, which, however imperfect, cannot be wholly unintersting to persons engaged in the study of this ingenious and useful branch of science.

## A SHORT

## HISTORYOFBOOK-KEEPING.

$\mathbf{T}_{\text {HE origin of Book-keeping, like that of most other useful arts, is }}$ involved in great obscurity. It is generally supposed to have been first praitised at Venice in the fifteenth century, when that city was the grand Emporium of Europe. Some writers,* however, think, that Double Entry was known to the ancients, and revived only in Italy with the revival of commerce; and several passages are quoted, which shew that the ancients entered the receipts and payments of money on opposite pages, in the way of Debtor and Creditor; $\dagger$ but nothing beyond Single Entry can be inferred from this practice: nor is it probable that any thing more was wanted in the rude and simple state of ancient commerce. Insurances, Bills of Exchange, and other modern improvements,

[^0]demanded, and in all probability produced, correspondent improvements in the mode of keeping Accounts ; but that which places the subject in the clearest light is, that none of the technical terms* of Double Entry are to be found in the ancient languages, but appear to be immediately derived from the Italian, as adopted in the other languages of Europe. $\dagger$

The nature of Book-keeping admits of various conjectures with respect to its origin. The double purpose of a Bill of Exchange, $\ddagger$ and the manner of recording the same, might have very naturally suggested the idea of Double Entry: the principle might have been even deduced from the Axioms of Euclid, or the properties of an Algebraic Equation ; and the first European who translated Algebra from the writings of the Arabians, is also supposed to have written the first Treatise of Book-keeping. It was published in the Italian language at Venice, about the

[^1]year 149ゴ,* by Lucas de Burgo, a Friar, who likewise w rote several useful works on Mathematical subjects. $\dagger$

The first Treatise on Book-keeping in the English language, of which there is any account, was published in London in the year 1543 , by Hugh Oldcastle, a Schoolmaster, and it was afterwards re-printed in the year 1588 , by John Mellis. $\ddagger$

In 1569, another System of Book-keeping was published in London by James Peele, who says in his preface, that he had instructed many mercantile people in this art, which had been long practised in other countries, though then new in England. There is no trace of any other. work of the kind until the year 165\%, when John Collins, an eminent Accountant and Mathematician, published a large System, entitled, An Introduction to Merchants' Accounts, which long served as a Standard Book on the subject.

[^2]In 1736, John Mair, a celebrated Schoolmaster at Perth, wrote his popular and well-known work, entitled, Book-leeeping Methodized; which, after passing through several editions, was published, with some alterations, in 1768, under the new title of Book-keeping Modernized. These alterations, he says, became necessary, in consequence of " the constant change and perpe"tual flux in the forms and fashions of Accountship." But it may be observed, that if this improved edition was modelled after the real practice of the time, the forms and fashions of Merchants' Accounts must have since undergone great changes also: for persons, at present instructed in Mair's Book-keeping only, are, when placed in a Counting-house, generally found ignorant of what is going forward in every department.

In Mair's Book-keeping, however, the principles of Double Entry are explained with great perspicuity and correctness; but the System is too elaborate and verbose for school practice: several other publications have since appeared, better adapted to this purpose, though differing but little in arrangement. The most generally approved are those of Dodson, Weston, Donn, Hutton, Hamilton, Gordon, Dowling, and Jackson.*

It is remarkable that, with a few unimportant exceptions, all the foregoing Authors were either Schoolmasters or Teachers. And though their profession might have rendered them well qualified for explaining the Principles of Book-keeping, it was not Jikely to afford opportunities of deducing their Theories from Practice. The works themselves evidently shew that those writes, in general, followed each other's plans, and took their documents from Books more than from Business.

[^3]A work of a very different description was published in 1789, by Benjamin Booth, a Merchant, who thus observes in his Preface :-" It is surprising that in a commercial country like this, " there should not be a Treatise on this subject, which, when " applied to a large scale of business, can be reduced to Prac" tice. Those I have seen, appear to have been written by per"sons who had not abilities sufficient for the undertaking, or by "such as never had an opportunity of bringing their Theories to " the test of Experience." This elaborate work, which is evidently the result of experience, contains various examples of judicious arrangement ; but it is not elementary, having only a Journal and Ledger. It is, however, the only System, of which the Author of the present work has availed himself with any degree of advantage.

Some smaller Tracts have been since written, which likewise deserve commendation, particularly those of Mr. Wicks and Mr. Shires. The latter work is stated to be "the result of thirty years practical experience." There is much neatness and ingenuity in the arrangement of this performance; but, like Booth's Book-keeping, it contains only a Journal and Ledger.

In tracing the progress of Italian Book-keeping, something should be said of a rival Method, entitled the English Book-keeping, published by Mr. Jones in 1796; a work chiefly remarkable for the enormous subscription raised on the occasion. A prospectus of this performance was previously circulated, announcing the discovery of an infallible Method of Book-keeping by Single Entry, and at the same time representing the Italian Method as delusive and erroneous. By high promises and accredited recommendations, subscriptions (at a guinea each) are said to have been obtained, to the amount of six or seven thousand pounds. The work, however, did not answer the expectations of the pubJic. Several ingenious Tracts soon appeared, defending Double Entry, and exposing the insufficiency of this new System; and one of particular merit, written by Mr. Mill, closed the controversy. This gentleman, in order to form a comparative estimate
between the English and Italian Methods, arranged Mr. Jones's materials into a Journal and Ledger, by Double Entry; and in the course of the operation detected an essential error:-a detection which completed the triumph of Double Entry.

This English System of Book-keeping, however, contains some useful checks, by different columns in the Day-Book and Journal for entering the Drs. and Crs. separately; and also in the Ledger for inserting the Daily and Monthly Transactions; and though the work has not been well received, it has proved useful to the the Public as well as to the Author. Some of the columns have been adopted in Counting-houses, and even by subsequent Writers, and the publication has, besides, given rise to much useful enquiry and investigation on the subject of Merchants' Accounts.

## pREFACE CONCLUDED.

FROM the foregoing view of the principal Authors who have written on Book-keeping, it appears that they have been composed of two different descriptions, possessing very distinct qualifications. The first, and by far the most numerou's class were Teachers, who have explained the Principles without adverting to the progressive improvements of Practice : and the second, Merchants, who have exhibited those improvements without explaining the Principles. The productions of both classes of Writers are highly useful; and to combine their utility is the $V$ object of the present undertaking.

Thus the Author's endeavour has been to unite the Elementary Instructions of the School-master with the Practical Improvements of the Merchant. In the department of teaching he has had much experience, and he has also had access for many years to the Books of several eminent Merchants-a privilege which he gratefully acknowledges. With such an advantage, a more elaborate work than the present might have been expected, but it is chiefly intended for the use of Schools, where large Systems are impracticable; and persons who understand this Tract,
will soon be able to comprehend the business of a Countinghouse. The Writer's purpose is to initiate Youth in Commercial Knowledge-not to teach Merchants, who are generally the best judges of their own concerns, and from whom he himself ${ }^{\prime}$ has received his instructions:-neither does he pretend to any inventions or discoveries, having endeavoured, in all cases, to follow the most approved precedents of mercantile experience.

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## THE SECOND EDITION.

The typographical errors of the first edition of this work have been here carefully corrected, and new Examples of Shipping Accounts, Partnerships, and Averages, are added from real transactions : and, to render the work still more worthy of the patronage with which it has been honoured, an Appendix is given on Exchanges, including the alterations lately made in those of France, Holland, and Italy.

The object, however, of this Appendix is not merely to modernize Exchanges: the Author has endeavoured to methodize and simplify the subject, so as to form an easy, practical, and correct System, adapted both to the use of Schools and Count-ing-houses; and, though he has consulted the most approved written authorities for the tables and other documents of Foreign Exchanges, he has not ventured to commit any of them to the press, without the previous inspection and approbation of experienced Merchants, or skilful Cambists of the different countries respectively.

Arbitration of Exchange is here explained, and the Principle investigated, whence Rules are deduced for negociating Bills to the best advantage. This important subject is illustrated by Examples of Remittances and Returns, taken from actual and recent operations.

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## INTRODUCTION:

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# THE PRINCIPLES OF BOOK-KEEPING, 

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## SINGLE AND DOUBLE ENTRY.

Definitions, Principles, Rules, and Examples.
BOOK-KEEPING is a Branch of Science, which teaches to record Mercantile Transactions in a regular and systematic mamner.

A Merchant's Books should exhibit the true state of his affairs; they should shew the particular success of each transaction, as well as the general result of the whole; and should be so arranged, as to afford a correct and ready information upon every subject for which they may be consulted.

Books may be kept either by Single or Double Entry.
Single Entry is chiefly used in Retail Business. It is the most simple and concise method of Book-kceping, but not the most perfect, being defective in some essential particulars.

Double Entry is used in Wholesale and Mercantile Affairs, whence it is called Merchants Accounts. This method is universally preferred in extensive commerce, being the most comprehensive in its principles, and the most certain in its conclusions.

In order to understand the principles of Double Entry, some previous knowledge of Single Entry will be useful, as affording the most obvious and simple illustration of the nature of Debtor and Creditor, and of the application of those terms in the Ledger

## SINGLE ENTRY.

Single Entry chiefly records transactions on Credit, and for this purpose, two books are required, called the Day Book and the Ledger.

The Day Book begins with an account of the owner's property, debts, \&c.; then follows a detail of the occurrences of trade, set down in the order of time in which they take place.

The name of the Persun or Customer is first written with the term Dr. or Cr. annexed, according as he becomes Debtor or Creditor by the transaction; and this may be distinguished by the following General Rule:

The Person who receives is Dr, and the Person who gives or parts with any thing is Cr .

Thus, if I sell Goods on credit, I enter A, B. (the Buyer) Dr. to the Goods, specifying their quantity and value.

If I buy Goorls on credit, I enter C. D. (the Seller) Cr. by the Goods, specifying their quantity and value.

By the same rule, if I pay money, the Person to whom I pay it is made Dr. to Cash, for the amount; and if I receive money, the Person from whom I receive it, is made Cr. by Cush, for the amount.

And if Debts be contracted or discharged by any other means, the same rule is observed; the Person who becomes indebted to me, is entered Dr. and the Person to whom I become indebted, Cr.-Also, the Person whose Debt I discharge is made Dr. and he that discharges a debt due by me, is Cr .

The Ledger collects together the dispersed Accounts of each Person in the Day Book, and places the Drs. and Crs. upon opposite pages of the same folio. The Person's name is written in large characters as a Title: on the left hand, or first page, he is styled $D r$, and on the opposite, or right-hand page, Cr. On these pages the transactions are entered as they stand Drs. or Crs. in the Day Book. For instance, A. B. is debited for whatever he has bought of me; and on the opposite page, he is credited for the payments he has made; in short, whatever I have given him, is on the Dr. side; and what he has given me on the Cr .; and the difference between the Dr . and Cr . sides, is called the Balance.

## A SIORT SPECIMEN OF SINGLE ENTRY

## January 1, 1802.

Suppose John Smith owes me 1001. which is my sole property; or the net of my estate; and suppose, on the $2 d$ of January, I buy of him 80 yards of cloth, at 15 s . per yard; on the 3 d , I sell James Taylor, on credit, 60 yards of the said cloth at 18 s .4 d . per yard; and on the 4th, James Taylor pays me in part 401. Required the Day Book and Ledger of the foregoing transactions, according to Single Entry, and also the Profit or Loss.

## DAY BOOK.



To post the foregoing Accounts into the Ledger.
The Ledger being ruled in folio form, according to the following specimen, with the left side for Dr. and the right side for Cr. also a margin for the date, and near the Money Columns, one for reference to the Day Book, proceed as follows:

Open an account for John Smith, and debit him, on the left hand page, for 1001. : and for the 2d day's transaction, credit him for 601. on the opposite page.

For the 3d day, open an account for James Taylor, debiting him for 551 . and for the 4th day, credit him for 401.

When every transaction is thus posted, each account is balanced, by subtracting the less sum or side from the greater, and then putting the difference or balance under the smaller side, by which both sums are made equal.

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| Jan. 1. | John Smiti <br> To Account from Ledger A. |  | £. 100 | s. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Jan. 3. | James Taylor Dr. To Cloth for 60 yards, at 18 s . 4 d . per yard | 3 | 55 | 0 |

By the above Ledger it appears that the balances are in my favour; and if these be added to the cash I have in hand, and the value of the goods unsold, the sum is the Net of my Estate; which compared with my original Stock shews my Profit or Loss. Thus it appears that

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Hence, I have cleared 101. by the sale of 60 yards of cloth at a profitiof 3 s .4 d . per yard.

## REMARKS ON SINGLE ENTRY.

By Single Entry I cannot tell what goods are unsold, or my profits'or losses by my books only, except when the transactions are but,few; as in the foregoing examples. For as the Ledger here contains only the Accounts of persons dealing on credit, it affords no other knowledge to the owner, than what debts are due to him, and what he owes.

## SINGLE ENTRY.

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| :---: |
| Cloth.for 80 yards, at 15 s. |
| By per yard... |



But if he wish to know what goods are undisposed of, and what he has gained or lost by the whole, or any part of his dealings, he cannot obtain this knowledge by Single Entry without taling Stock ; that is, he must weigh or measure what goods he has unsold; and their value, added to the cash in hand, and the Balance of Debts, will shew the Net of his Estate, and this compared with his original stock, will shew his Profit or Luss.

Hence Book-keeping, by Single Entry, is essentially defective as it affords no method of ascertaining the state of a Merchant's affairs, without taking stock ; a task which is both laborious and liable to error, and which at best affords no adequate means of preventing embezzlement or detecting fraud; but these objects are attained by Double Entry, perhaps as cffectually as hwman ingenuity can devise.

## DOUBLE ENTRY.

In Double Entry, three principal books are required; the Waste Book, Journal, and Lcdger.

The WASTE BOOK gives a regular detail of the transactions of business, set down in the order of time in which they take place, and stated in a clear, simple, and circumstantial manner.

The JOURNAL records the same transactions as the Waste Book, but they are differently expressed ; for here the Drs. and Crs. of the various accounts are ascertained, in order to transfer them with more ease to the Ledger.

The manner of ascertaining the Dr . and Cr r. of each transaction here is the same, in effect, as in Single Entry, (Page 2); but in Double Entry, Things, as well as Persons, are made Drs. and Crs. ; and one Thing or Person is made Dr. to another Thing or Person.
Thus, if I sell Cloth to $A . B$. on credit, I enter it in the Journal, A. B. Dr. to Cloth. If I buy Cloth of C. D. on credit, I journalize it, Cloth Dr. to C. D.; and if I buy or sell far ready money, or barter one kind of goods for another, the following Ge neral Rule must be observed:

What I receive is Dr. to what I give or part with.
For instance, if I buy cloth for ready money, the Journal entry is Cloth Dr. to Cush, and if I sell it for ready money, Cash Dr, to Cloth; always specifying the quantity, price, and amount.
When two or more persons or things are included in the same account, they are expressed by the term Sundries or Sundry Accounts; thus if I sell Cloth for part money, and the rest on credit, I journalise it, Sundries Drs. to Cloth; and then specify the particulars.

The following Rules for distinguishing Dr. and Cr. will apply in all cases.

The Person to whom, or for whose Account I pay, or furnish the Means of Payment-is Debtor,

The Person from whom, or for whose Account, I receive, or who furnishes me with the Means of Payment-is Creditor.

Every thing which comes into my Possession, or under my Direction-is Debtor.

Every thing which passes out of my Possesion, or' from under my Direction-is Creditor.*

[^5]The LEDGER collects the scattered Items, Articles, or Transactions, from the Journal, and places them under their respective heads, opposing the Drs. and Crs. of each, on the same principle as in Single Entry; but here accounts are opened for goods as well as for persons, and every account is entered twice, whence this method is called Double Entry.

The Accounts of the Ledger are distinguished into three kinds, Personal, Real, and Lictilious.

Personal Accounts are the same in Druble as in Single Entry, and every person is debited or credited as he stands Dr. or Cr. in the Journal*.

Hence every Personal Account, suppose that of A.B. contains on the Dr. side all Items or Articles, by which he becomes indebted to me, and on the Cr. side all Itpms or Articles, by which I become indebted to him.

Real Accounts are those opened for Merchandize, or any other species of property, such as Cash, Bills, Ships, Houses, \&c. Here, as in all other Accounts, each transaction is entered on the Dr. or Cr. side, as it stands in the Journal. Thus, goods bought are entered on the Dr. side ; and when these or any part of them are sold, they are entered on the Cr. side; by which the quantity on hand, and the profit or loss on each article may be, at any time, ascertained.

Fictitious Accounts are those of Stock, and Profit and Loss.
Stock is a term used to represent the name of the merchant or owner of the books. On the Dr. side is entered the amount of the debts which he owed when the books were opened; and on the Cr. the amount of the cash, goods, debts, and any other property then belonging to him. The difference between the Dr. and Cr. sides shews his Net Stock, at that time.

Profit and Loss is a general term used for either Gain or Loss, such as may arise from trade, interest, commission, \&c. On the $D r$. side are entered all transactions of Losses; and on the Cr. side those of Gain-the difference shews' the Net Gain or Loss.

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## A SIIORT EXAMPLE OF DOUBLE ENTRY.

> W.ASTE BOOK. (SLT I.)

| $V^{*}$ | $\qquad$ London, Jan. 1, 1802. $\qquad$ John Smith owes me, as per old Account in Ledger $A$. | £. 100 | 0 | $d$. 0 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\checkmark$ | Bought of Jolin Smith, 80 yards of Cloth, at 15 s . per yard, on account | 60 | 0 | 0 |
| $\checkmark$ | Sold James Taylor on credit, 60 yards of Cloth, at 18s. 4d. per yard. | 55 | 0 | 0 |
| $\sqrt{ }$ | Received of James Taylor, in part . ....... | 40 | 0 | 0 |

> JOURNAL. (SET I.)

| Solio of Led Lerer | London, Jan. 1, 1802. John Smith Dr. to Stock, £ $100+$ | £. | $s$. |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 10 | For Balance of old Account. | 100 | 0 |  |
| 10 | Cloth Dr. to John Smith, £60 |  |  |  |
|  | For 80 yards, bought at 15 s . per | 60 | 0 | 0 |
| 10 | James Taylor Dr. to Cloth, £55........... |  |  |  |
|  | For 60 yards, at 18s. 4d. per yard.......... | 55 | 0 | 0 |
| 10 | C'ash Dr. to James Taylor, £40............ |  |  |  |
|  | Received of him on account | 40 | 0 | 0 |

* The above short lines or dashes in the Margin of the Waste Book, are intended to shew that each Account ha; been journalised; and they are sometimes made upon an examination, which is called Pointing the Books.
+ Those short Entries of the Sum are made in the old Systems of Book-keeping, but they are mostly rejected in Practice, and are thereore ounitted in the subsequent part of this work. In some Connting-houses, however, two money colums are used in the Journal, for keeping the Dr. and Cr. sums separate.


## rules for posting tue Journal into the ledger.

The Ledger being ruled with the Dr. side to the left, and the Cr. side to the right, (as before described) let there be a space allotted to the left of each page, for the day of the month, and to the right, for the page of the Journal from whence each account is taken.*
The Accounts are mostly opened in the Ledger, according to the order in which they stand in the Journal; this is not, however, essential to the truth of the work, but it is the most regular method, and the most clear to learners. The Stock Account stands first, and, like all other accounts, is debited or credited as Journalised.

Here Stock is Cr. by Joln Smith; then, for the Second Entry, John Smith is Dr. to Stock, for every Dr. must have a Cr. and every Cr. a Dr. $\dagger$
By the same rule the other Accounts are entered twice in the Ledger; first, in the direct way, as they stand in the Journal, and then reversed. 'Thus, the second day's account is posted, Cloth Dr. to John Smith, and then John Smith Cr. by Cloth.
In the same manner the third and fourth day's Accounts are posted; James Taylor is debited to Cloth, and Сloth credited by James Taylor ; Cash is next made Dr. to James Taylor, and James Taylor Cr. by Cash.
Here it may be observed that, when an Account is once opened in the Ledger, every following transaction which concerns it, must be brought back, and entered there on the proper side, as an account is never opened twice, though it may be transferred for want of room.

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## LEDGER. (Set I.)



## TO MAKE A TRIAL BALANCE:

When every Account is posted twice from the Journal into the Ledger, and on opposite or contrary sides, it is evident that all the sums on the Dr. side will equal all those on the Cr. side.

This Trial, or Check, is generally made on a separate paper, and it may be performed every Day, Month, or Year, accoording to the extent of the business. The Titles of the Ledger Accounts are written under each other with $D r$. to the left, and $C r$. to the right. Annexed to each, on its proper side, is set down the sum of every $D r$. and $C r$.; and both sides will agree if the work be right: as in the following example, fron the preceding Ledger.

TRIAL BALANCE.
Dr.
$C r$.


## TO MAKE TIIE GENERAL BALANCE, AND CLOSE TIIE LEDGER.

The Journal being all correctly posted, an Account must be opened for Profit and Loss, and another for Balance.* These two Accounts, with that of Stock, are not to be closed until the others are balanced.

Proceed, therefore, to the second Account, where the difference between the Dr. and Cr. sides appears to be $£ 40$; set this sum under the smaller side, making both equal.

[^8]This Balance or difference being on the Cr. side; John Sinith's Account is therefore credited By Balance, and on the Balance sheet it is entered on the Dr. side: for if John Smith be Cr. by Balance, then is Balance Dr. to John Smith.

By this simple method all Personal Accounts are closed; but in Real Accounts a double operation is necessary, when any of the goods remain unsold, as these must be first balanced.

Thus, in the Cloth Account, the quantities on the Dr. and Cr. sides must be compared, and their difference set down under the: smaller quantity, making both sides equal.
Here the difference is 20 yards, which, at first Cost, is worth $£ 15$; this sum must be entered on the Cr. side of the Cloth Account, and then on the Dr. side of the Balance Account, thas making Cloth Cr. By Balance and Balance Dr. to Cloth.

When the Goods on the Dr. and Cr. sides are balanced, the Money columns must be next compared, and their difference shews the Profit or Loss upon the article. In the Cloth Account the $C r$. side is $£ 10$ more than the $D r$; hence Cloth is made $D r$. to Profit and Loss for that sum ; and Profit and Loss Cr. by Cloth for the same.

James Taylor's Account and the Account of Cash being next balanced, proceed to prove the work.

## THE PROOF OF BOOK゙-KEEPING.

The Accounts being all balanced, except those of Stock, Profit and Loss, and Balance, let the Profit and Lass Account be first closed. Here Profit and Loss is Dr. to Stock for $£ 10$ gained, and therefore Stocle is made Cr. by the same.

The Stock Account must be next closed, where the Balance appears to be £110. Hence Stock is made Dr. to Balance for this surn, and the Balance Account must therefore be made Cr. by Stocle for the same.

Now if the work be right, both sides of the Balance Account will be equal; which is the Proof of Book-keeping, and which Proof necessarily arises from Double Entry.

The reason of this proof will also appear obvious from the following considerations :

The Balance Account contains on the Dr. side what Goods I have unsold, what Cash I have in hand, and what Debts are due to me:

And on the $C r$. side it contains what Debts I owe. Therefore the difference between the Dr. and Cr. side of the Balance Account is the Net of my Estate.

Now there is another method of finding the Net of my Estate, which is, by adding my profits or subtracting my Losses from my original Stock; and when this sum is put on the Cr. side of the Balance Account, it will make both sides equal, if the Books be correct*.

Hence the Proof of Book-keeping may be considered as consisting of two methods of ascertaining my Property, and these must always agree if the work be right. If they differ, the Books are certainly wrong.

The converse of this rule, however, does not hold; for the Balance Account may close when the Work is wrong-a false statement, for instance, continued on both sides of the Ledger, will not prevent the proof; but there is scarcely a piobability that such an Error could be continued unebserved ; and even intentional mis-statements may be prevented by a Check Ledger; that is, by having two Ledgers kept by different persons. The general practice is to examine the Books frequently, which is done by one person reading the Journal, while another inspects the Ledger in order to see that every Account has been regularly posted by Double Entry. It also promotes accuracy, to have the Books regularly written up, so as to make the Journal keep pace with the Waste Book and the Ledger with the Journal.

[^9]
## SECOND SET OF BOOKS,

- containing further examples of the


## ITALIAN METHOD OF BOOK-KEEPING

## DOUBLE ENTRY.

WASTE BOOK. (SET II.)

LONDON, January 1, 1802.



* When the Name only is thus mentioned, it is understood that the Transaction is on account or on credit; but when the time of Payment is stipulated, the genesal Practice is to give a Bill.





Remarks on the foregoing WASTE BOOK, zeith Dırections for Journalising some particular Accounts.

The Inventory of Goods, \&c. belonging to me, is Journalised; Sundries Drs. to Stock, and the particulars then specified : Stock is next made Dr. to Sundries for what I owe.
The transactions which follow require no explanation until the 9 th, where sundry Goods are sold to John Jennings, and Sundries received in lieu of them. Accounts of this kind are best Journalised by two separate statements: first, debiting the Buyer to Sundries, and secondly, crediting hîm by Sundries.
On the 11th, I receive a Bill of George Ramsay, for which I give him credit. Thus, Bills Receiviable are (like any other kind of Property) made Dr. to the Person from whom they have been received.
In like manner, Bills Payable are made Cr . by the Person to whom I pay them, or for whose account I accept them, and consequently he is made Dr. to Bills Payable.
When I buy Goods upon Commission, I delit my employer for Merchandize, Charges, Commission, \&c. all of which are included in the Term Sundries. Such is the Account of Thomas Martin, supposed to be taken from an Invoice Book.
When Goods are sold upon Commission, the Account may be stated in various Terms, such as Sales $\Psi^{\circ}$ the Ship (mentioning her name) Dr. to Sundries, viz. to Charges, Commission, and to the Consigner of the Goods for the net amount, called Net Proceeds : and the Person who bays the said Goods, if on credit, is debited to Account Sales, as in the transactions of the 23d.
The Accnunts of Commission, Interest, Legacy, Loss of Money, Charges for Rent, \&c. might be all comprehended in the Profit and Loss Account: the two first are here made separate Accounts, which are finally carried to Profit and Loss in the Ledger.
A more particular description of Bills, Invoices, Account Sales, \&c. will be given in the Third Set of Books.

## JOUR $N A L$. (Set. II.)

LONDON, January 1, 1804.







## REMARKS

## TIIE FOLLOWING LEDGER.

The Ledger opens (as deseribed Page 9) by making Stock Dr. for all Debts which the Merchant or Owner of the Books owes, and Cr. by his Effects, and the Debts due to him.

Accounts are then opened for Cash, and Bills Receivable, also for each Article of Goods, and each person indebted to the Merchant, eack of which is made Dr. to Stock. Accounts are next opened for his Créditors, who are each credited by Stock.

Bills Receivable are (as journaliseri) debited to Stock, or to the person from whom they have been received after opening the Books, and credited by Cash, when paid.

Bills Payable are debited to Cash when paid, and credited by Stock, or by the Persons on whose Account they have been accepted after opening the Books.

Commission is credited by Cash, or by the Person who owes for Commission, and debited to Profit and Loss.

Interest is debited to what is paid or owing, and credited by what is received or what is due, and the difference, like that of Commission, is carried to its proper side of the Profit and Loss Account.

Merchandize is here a general term for Goods purchased on Commission, and charged at the Prime Cost, whence neither Loss or Gain ensues, and the Account balances itself.

The Account Sales also balances itself, being supposed the general result of an Account Sales Book, where the particulars are specified.

I NDEX;
or,

## ALPHABETICAL LIST OF THE ACCOUNTS IN THE

LEDGER.

| A. Fd . | G. Fal. | N. <br> Fol. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| B. <br> Bell, William.... <br> Bol. <br> Bills Receivable. <br> Bills Payable..... <br> Balance......... | H. Fol. <br> Hindon, John... 2 Holmes, Henry - 2 | O. <br> Fol. |
| C. <br> Calico_.......... | I. <br> Jennings, John. . 4 <br> Interest ........ 5 <br> Johnson, James - 4 | Profit and Loss. . 5 <br> Port Wine $\qquad$ 6 |
|  | K. <br> Fol. | Q. <br> Fol. |
| E. | L. <br> Linen........$-- ~$ <br> Fol. | R. Ramsay, George. 3 |
| F. <br> Fairman, Thomas 6 | Martin, Thomas. 5 Merchandize ... 4 Manchester Goods 6 | S.  <br> Sol.  <br> Sales $\&$ Mermaid 5 <br> Stock .......... 1 <br> Sugar $\ldots . .$. <br> Scarlet Cloth.... 6 <br> Smith, Henry... 6 |






 9 By John Jennings, 3 Pieces, 15s. 6d. $母^{\top} \mathrm{Yd}$.










## TRIALBALANCE.

Dr.
Cr.


* These blanks are left when the $D_{r}$. and $C_{r}$. sides of an account are equal.

It has been already shewn (Page 12) that the Trial Balance should be made before the General Balance; and it greatly facilitates the latter operation, to reserve the sums thus added, in order to compare thera.

## THE

## THIRDSETOFBOOKS,

> BEING

A SYSTEM OF BOOK-KEEPING,

TUUNDED ON RÉAL BUSGIXYSS,

AND ARRANGED AFTER

## TIIE IMPROVED FORMS OF MODERN PRACTICE.

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Turs System of Book-keeping is performed with a Waste Воok, Journal, and Ledger, on the principles of Double Entry, like the foregoing, but it differs in arrangement ; for here the Waste Book is divided into a certain number of subsidiary Books, each adapted to a particular kind of business: these are, the

> | CASH BOOK, | INVOICE BOOK, $\&$ |
| :--- | :--- |
| > BILL' BOOK, | SALES BOOK. |

The Casu Book is the Waste Book for all Money paid or received.

The Bilm Book is the Waste Book for all Bills of Exchange received or accepted.

The Invosce Book is the Waste Book for all goods exported or sent off, whether on Commission, or on the Merchant's own Account.

The Sales Book, or Account of Sales Book, is the Waste Book for all Goods imported and sold on Commission.

The Waste Boor contains the Particulars of such occurrences as cannot be brought under any of the foregoing heads, and
it also gives a general Account of every transaction, with a reference to the Subsidiary Book, where the particulars are to be found.

In the Subsidiary Book each Month's occurrences are classed together, and so disposed as greatly to simplify the Jomrnal. But the principle advantage of this arrangement consists in carrying a whole Month's Cash or Bills in one line or sum to the Ledger: and the same may be done with a Month's Commission, Interest, Insurance, \&c. though the practice is not yet become so general. Specimens of both methods are here given.

Besides these advantages of simplicity and conciseness, the Subsidiary Books have other important uses as originals. Every Exporter and Importer of Goods upon Commission, must have an Invoice and Sales Book, and the Cash and Bill Buoks are necessary in all departments of Commerce.

Where Subsidiary Books are kept for every kind of business,* a Waste Book like the present-may be dispensed with; though such will be found highly useful, both as an Index and Day Book. But, in teaching, a Book of this kind is essentially necessary, not only as connecting the other Books, and giving a ready reference to each, but as affording a regular history of the busincss, which the learner should always understand.-It is perhaps, the want of this knowledge that renders the Theory of Book-keeping so much more obscure and perplexing than the Practice.

[^10]'The transactions which compose this System have been selected from the books of different Merchants, trading to various parts; it therefore contains a greater variety of business than is generally carried on by any individual : hence, also, that variety, which may be observed in the forms of the Invoices and Sales, and which it is thought proper to retain, that the learner may so far see the diversity of practice which prevails in different Counting-houses.

To render the variety as extensively useful as possible, the transactions have been chosen from different periods of time; those of the two first months having chiefly occurred in time of peace, and those of the third month in time of war; which will account for the difference in Shipping Charges, Duties, and Premiums of In. surance.

## THE WASTE, or DAY BOOK.

Thrs Book opens with an Inventory of the Merchant's Property, (supposed to be transcribed from the Balance Account of a former Ledger,) after which, a general Register or Diary is given of all transactions, in the order of time in which they happened, with a reference to the Subsidiary Books, where such are regularly entered.-The following are the references:


The Figures annexed to these letters refer to the pages of the Invoice and Sales Books, and to the Number of each Bill: but no figure is given for the Cash Book, the date being deemed a sufficient reference.

## WASTE BOOK. (Set III)

## LONDON, January 1, 1804.

The following is an Inventory of my Effects, both Reall and Personal, being a List of the Balances in my favour and against me, transferred from Ledger $A$. dated the 31st ult.

| I have in Cash | 11700 | 0 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 3130 | $\bigcirc$ |
| Farm in Kent. | 1590 | 0 |
| House at Richmond | 500 | 0 |
| Household Furnit | 750 | 0 |
| Ship Charlotte-my | 3120 | 0 |
| Merchandize, for Balanc | 2165 | 10 |
| Debentures, for Balance due at Custom-house | 462 | 10 |
| Bills Receivable, for the following Bills due to me, (particulars from former Bill Book.) |  |  |
| No. £. s.d. |  |  |
| 210 On Ramsay \& Co. due Jan. 15520 0 0 |  |  |
| 424 On Edward Malone . . . . . 2540000 |  |  |
| 235 On ditto ....-.........- 383100 |  |  |
| 141 On Hamilton \& Co. due Feb. 131200 |  |  |
| 253 On Weldon and Co....... 15162100 |  |  |
| 261 On ditto ................. 2423150 |  |  |
| 104 On ditto.................. 28216 - 50 |  |  |
| Millman and Son, of Oporto, Balance due, .- | 572 | 10 |
| Charles Le Coin, Paris, - | 389 | 15 |
| William Lamos, Bilbou, | 428 | 12 |
| Panton and Abram, Petersburgh | 572 | 19 |
| William Chulmley, Hamburgh | 310 | 13 |
| Edward Taverton, Amsterdam | 216 | 11 |
| William Pemberton, Naples | 721 | 13 |
| Wilson and Vanelli, Leghorn | 570 | 2 |
|  | 29356 | 7 |


| I owe as follows : |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Smithson and Co. of London | 820 | 5 | 0 |
| Wentham and Hull, ditio | 716 | 9 | 6 |
| Nicholson and Hope, dito |  |  | 0 |
| Peter Bonham dilto | 371 |  | 9 |
| Horne and Jones, ditto | 572 |  | 9 |
| George Holland, ditto | 491 |  | 6 |
| Wansterl and Gill, Leed. | 205 | 2 | 0 |
| Henry Stanton, Sheffield. | 174 | 11 | 3 |
| Gibson and Carr, Birmingham | 268 | 11 | 4 |
| Ashford and Son, Manchester | 416 | 13 | 5 |
| Winter and West, Jamaica | 506 |  | 0 |
| Hampton and Co. ditto. | 175 |  | 0 |
| Edward White, ditto | 316 |  | 0 |
| James Prime, ditto | 516 | 19 | 0 |
| Fidmund Connor, ditto | 721 | 18 | 0 |
| Richard Broadley, ditt | 216 |  |  |
| Peter Holmes, Dubl | 521 |  | 0 |
| Wilson and Bell, Dunde | 137 | 5 | 0 |
| Bills Payable, for the following Bills, accept.ed by me. (Particulars from former BillBook.) |  |  |  |
| No. |  |  |  |
| 215) (Charles Mills, due Jan. 12713110 |  |  |  |
| 219 - James Harrison.....-26 210106 |  |  |  |
| 214 こ John Gibson.-...... 26431150 |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |
| 918 E Thomas Pembroke -. 30105116 |  |  |  |
| $\left.\begin{array}{l}215 \\ 217\end{array}\right)^{\text {a }}$ - ${ }^{\text {a }}$ |  |  |  |
|  | 2008 | 4 |  |
|  | 9927 | 10 | 11 |
| Amount of Balances in my favor $29356 \quad 7 \quad 8$ Amount of Balances against me 99271011 |  |  |  |
| The Net of my Estate* | 19428 | 16 | 0 |
| * It is not necessary that the whole of a Merchant's Property or Estate should appear in his Books; it is enongh that they contain the Capital which he employs in trade. |  |  |  |


| -London, January 1, 1804 |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Shipped on board the Neptune, Hen. Marsom for Naples, Sucar for the Account of William Pemberton, as $\mathfrak{f}$ Invoice Book, Page 1, amounting to | 184 | 2 | 0 |
| Accepted a Bill drawn on me by George Holland, as $\wp$ Bills Payable, No. 1. | 400 | 0 | 0 |
| Received by this Day's Post a Bill from Charles Le Coin, of 938 licres 11 sols, at $2 j \frac{7}{8} d$. \& Ecu. as $\ddagger$ Bills Receivable, No. 1 .....-. . . ............. | 85 | 14 | 7 |
| Paid Henry Barlow's Bill, No. 215, as $\not \wp^{\prime}$ Cash Book, dated this. Day <br> Received Discount for the same, 99 Days, at 5 W Cert. C. B. - | 410 | 12 | 0 6 |
| Shipped on board the Sivan, Charles Mills, for Bilboa, sundry Goods for the Account of William Lamos, as $母^{\prime}$ I. B. Page 2, amounting to ...... Paid Charles Mills's Bill, No. 213, as $\psi^{\prime}$ C. B. | 677 713 | 11 | 4 0 |
| Received the Amount of Ramsay and Co's. Bill, No. 210, as $\mathscr{F}^{2}$ C. B. <br> Shipped on board the Betsey, Brown, for Leghorn, Lead for the Account of Wilson \& Vanelli, as $\because$ I. B. Page 3. | 520 221 | 0 | 0 |
| Accepted a Bill of Gibson and Carr, No. 2, B. P. | 300 | 0 | 0 |
| Bought of Samuel Lightfoot, sundry Goods, amounting, as $\oiiint^{\prime}$ Bills of Parcels, to. $\qquad$ 19. | 3050 | 0 | 0 |
| Received from William Chulmley, Two Bills, No. 2 and 3.B.R. | 582 | 10 | 0 |
| Samuel Lightfoot has drawn upon me I'wo Bills No. 3 and 4. B. P. | 1050 | 0 | 0 |
| Arrived the Nancy, from Lisbon, on board of which are Ten Pipes of Port consigned to merby Millman and Son, to sell on their Account. S. B. p. 1 |  |  |  |



Received advice from Edward White to insure $£ 3500$ on his Account for Goods $\nsubseteq$ the Faithful, Sullivan, from Jamaica to London, which Insurance I have thus effected at Lloyd's :

Nicholson and Hope have written.-£ 1000
Smithson and Co. ..................... 1000
Peter Bonham . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 1000
George Holland ....................... 500 at 6-Guineas * ${ }^{\text {W }}$ Cent. to return $1 \frac{1}{2}$ 母 Cent, for Conroy and Arrives. ..................................

Received from William Pemberton, Two Bills, No. 7, and 8. B. R...-..............................
Received Cash for William Chulmley's Bill,
 $\frac{\text { No. 141. C. B. . . . . . ................................ - }}{\text { Received advice from John Biddle, of Grenada }}$ that he has, according to miy Order, shipped on board the Cumberland, Plunket, 50 Hhds. of Sugar, amounting, as $\not$ Invoice, to.

1260116
This Sugar I have ordered in company withPeter Bonham and George Holland, each $\frac{4}{3}$ Share, and who allow me $2 \frac{1}{2} \oiiint^{\prime}$ Cent. as Managing Partner.

Insured the above with the London Assurance Company, $£ 1300$ at $9 \frac{1}{2}$ Guineas $\uplus^{\prime}$ Cent.......

Received from on board the Swan, from Leghorn, 6 Pipes of Olive Oil, to sell for the Account of Wilson and Vanelli, S. B. p. 9.

Sold Smithson and Co. Port Wine. S. B. p. 1..-
Sold Henry Clinton Port Winc. S. B. p. 1..... Bought 2 Lottery Tickets in Shares. C. B....-
Paid George Holland's Bill, No. 1. C. B...... .

- Insurance Brokers debit their employers for Guineas, and credit the Underwriters for Younds. Thus they get 5 per Cent. on the Premium, besides 4 return of 12 per Cent, from the Underwriters, on the Annual Balance.



| London, February 19, 1804. |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Sold Horne and Jones 53 Tons of Hemp, at £3 $10 \oiint^{\prime}$ Ton, to pay at two Months........ 20. | 1138 | 10 | 0 |  |
| Arrived the Cumberland, Plunket, from Grenada, with 50 Hhds. of Sugar, from John Biddle, which I ordered in Company with Peter Bonham and George Holland, amounting, as $\neq$ Invoice, to ...... -.............................. 1260116 |  |  |  |  |
| Paid Duty, Freight, \&c. C. B..... $893 \quad 56$ | 2083 | 17 | 0 |  |
| My Lottery Tickets are drawn Blanks, except one Half Share, C. B. | 10 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Sold Peter Bonham 25 Bales of Cotton, $\not$ Dolphin, S. B. page 4. | 886 | 14 | 0 | 0 |
| Sold Gcods to Ashford and Son, amounting as $\nVdash$ Bill of Parcels, to . | 564 | 10 | 0 | 0 |
| Received Cash for Weldon and Co.'s Bill, No. 261. C. B. | 231 |  | 0 | 0 |
| Paid Samuel Lightfoot's Bill, No. 3. C. B...- | 500 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Sold George Broker, Sugar (in Company) 50 Hhds. weighing, as $\nrightarrow$ Account rendered, 607 cut. 3 qrs. 14 lb. a 80s. \$ cwt.. ..................... | 2431 | 10 |  | 0 |
| Sold Edward Taylor 50 Bags of Pimento, 母 the Dolphin, S. B. page 4. | 293 |  |  | 0 |
| Paid Smithsoll and Co.'s Bill, No. 5. C. B... | 237 | 10 |  | 0 |
| Paid Henry Stanton, C. B........... 174113 Paid him 3 Months Interest, C. B... 237 |  |  |  |  |
| Paid for Household Furniture, C. B............ | $\begin{aligned} & 176 \\ & 130 \end{aligned}$ |  |  | 0 |
| Paid for Repairs of House at Richmond, C. B. Received Cash for Weldon and Co.'s Bill, No. | 42 | 10 |  | 0 |
|  | 216 | 5 | 5 | 0 |
| Paid sundry Charges this Month for House Expences. C. B.. | 57 |  |  |  |
| Paid Rent and Taxes. C. B | 105 |  |  |  |



Received ${ }^{\circ} \mathrm{the}$ Muriha, from Grenada, Sugur and Cotton, to sell for the Account of John Biddle, S. B. page 5 and 6 .

Received the Amount of Charles Le Coin's Bill, No. 1. C. B..

Received a Letter from Charles Le Coin, inclosing Two Bills, No. 14 \& 15, B.R. amounting to $£ 2150$, with Directions to honour Mr. John Morris's Bills on his Account for $£ 1600$, for which $\frac{\text { Payment I charge } \frac{1}{2} \oint^{\prime} \text { Cent. Commission...... }}{\text { Accepted John Morris's Bills for the Account }}$ of Charles Le Coin, B. P. No. 15 and 16...... Paid Winter and West's Bill, No. 8, C. B. . .
Recd. Cash for W.Pemberton's Bill, No. 8, C.B.
Received $\psi^{\prime}$ sundry Ships from Dundee, Osnaburgs, which I have sold to George Holland, for the Account of Wilson and Bell. S. B. page 7.Accepted Panton and Abram's Bill,No. 17.B.P.
Bought of Wentham and Hull, Goods to pay at 2 Months, amounting, as $\psi^{\prime}$ Bills of Parcels, to . Received Cash for E. White's Bill, No C B Received Cash for E. White's Bill, No. 10, C. B.-

Shipped on Board the Witliam and Mary, for Hamburgh, Tobacco for the Account of William Chulmley, having first insured the same with the London Assurance Company, I. B. p. 10......-


| aon, Mar |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Paid Peter Holme's $\boldsymbol{B}$ | 0 | 0 |  |
| aid Gibson and Carr's | 210 | 0 |  |
| Received Cash for James Prime's Bill, No. 11. C. B. | 364 | 10 |  |
| Shipped on Board the Nereid, for Leghorn, Pepper, which I have insured with the London Assurance Company, and cousigned to Wilson and Vanelli for their Account, I. B. p. 11....... | 21 | 8 |  |
| Received Cash for Hampton and Co.'s Bill, No. 9, C. B. | 310 | 10 |  |
| Received from William Shepherd, for the Produce of my Farm in Kent. C. B. $\qquad$ 24. | 62 | 10 |  |
| Received a Letter from William Clıulmley, inclosing a Bill, No. 16, B. R. | 560 | 0 |  |
| Accepted Two Bills, No. 18 \& 19, drawn by Ahn Biddle, of Grenada, 'В. P.- | 1260 | 11 |  |
| Drawn upon George Broker, Thrce Bills, No. 17, 18, \& 19. B. R. | 2131 | 10 |  |
| Sold Wentham and Hull, Sugar $\ddagger$ the Martha, on Account of John Biddle. S. B. p. 5. <br> Sold by Public Auction, Cotton, $\varphi$ the Martha, on Account of John Biddle. S. B. p. 6. \& C. B. | 231 | 18 |  |
| Shipped on Board the Success, for Dundee, Porter, for the Account of Wilson and Bell, which I have insured with the London Assurance |  |  |  |
| Company. I. B. p. 12. Sold IVansted and Gill, Goods to pay in Two | 11 | 8 |  |
| Months, as $\psi$ Bill of Parcels ................. | 510 | 0 |  |
| Shipped on Board the Ann, for Madeira, Flax, for the Account of Millman and Son, I. B. p. 13. | 721 | 16 |  |
| Paid Samuel Lightfoot's Bill, No. 4. C. B.... <br> Bought of Horne and Jones, sundry Goods, at <br> 4 Months, amounting, as $\mathscr{f}^{\prime}$ Bill of Yarcels, to. - | 550 254 | 2 |  |



## THE

## SUBSIDIARY BOOKS;

COMPREHENDING THE

BILL BOOK, INVOICE BOOK, SALES BOOK, AND

## CASH BOOK.

## THE BILL BOOK.

The Bill Book is an Index or Register of Bills of Exchange, whether Receivable or Payable.

Biles Receivable are those which the Merchant receives in Payment of some Debt or Contract-and Bills Payable are such as are drawn upon him, and which he must pay when due.

When Bills Receivable come to hand, their particulars are en. tered in their respective Columns of the Bill Book; and the particulars of Bills Payable are likewise inserted in their proper Columns when advice is received of their having; been drawn, or when they are left for acceptance.

The use of the Bill Book will be understood by observing how the two following Bills are entered.

Copy of the Bill, received by me of Charles Le Coin, and entered in Bills Receivable, p. 60 and 61.*

Paris, Dec. 9th, 1803.

> Liv. sol. d.

238511 a $25 \frac{7}{8}$
Two. Months after Sight pay to the Order of Mr. William Bing, Two Thousand Three Hundred and Eightyfive Livres, Eleven Sols Tournois, Exchange at 257 7 d. Wcu. for value received.

| Mr. John Carr, | dicceperd Jan. 3. 1804. |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Lundon. | 3. Carr. | H. Jones |

H. Jones.

Copy of the Bill drawn on me by George Holland, and entered in Bills Payable, p. 62 and 63.

London, Jan. 2, 1804.
Thirty-one Days after Date, pay to Mr. George Bims, or Order, Four Hundred Pounds for Value received.


* For a more particular description of Bills of Exchange, see the Appendiz on Exchanges.


## Bills.

| Page Jour. | Ne. | When Received | From whom Received. | By whom drawn, and Place. |  | On whom drawn, and where. |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 4 | 1. | January 3 | Charles I.e Coin | Jnnes | Paris | Carr | London |
| 4 | 2 | Ditor 19 | Wm. Chulmley | Rish | Hull | Hall | Ditto |
| 4 | 3 | Ditto 19 | Ditto | nrd | Petersburgh | Fox | Bristol |
| 4 | 4 | Dittu 25 | Win. Lamos | Pope | Bilboa | Grey | Dito |
| 4 | 5 | Ditto 25 | Ditto | Fry | Ditto | Hood | Londnn |
| 4 | 6 | Ditto $\mathrm{z}^{2} 5$ | Ditto | Hill | Ditto | Cox | Ditto |

Bills.

| Page Jour. | No | Wnen Receiver. | From whom Received. | By whom drawn, and Place. |  | On whom drawn, and where. |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 9 | 7 | February 1 | W. Pemberton | Beil | Naples | Day | London |
| 9 | 8 | Dito 1 | Ditto | Vint | Ditto | Holt | Bristol |
| 9 | 9 | Ditto 17 | Hampton \& Co | Quin | Jamaica | Horne | London |
| 9 | 10 | Ditto 17 | Edward White | Howe | Ditto | Tooke | Ditto |
| 9 | 11 | Ditto 17 | James Prime | Jervis | Ditto | Pitt | Ditto |
| 9 | 12 | Ditto 17 | Edınund Connor | Syduey | Ditto | Shaw | Ditto |
| 9 | 13 | Ditto 17 | Rich. Broadiey | Smith | Ditto | Hind | Ditto |

## Bills.

| Page Jour. | No | When <br> Received. |  | From whom Received. | By whom drawn, and Place. |  | On whom drawn, and where. |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 15 | 14 | March | 7 | Charles Le Coin | Watts | Lyons | Sims | London |
| 15 | 15 | Ditto | 7 | Ditto | Hunt | Ditto | Cook | Ditto |
| 15 | 16 | Ditto | 24 | W. Chulmley | Turk | Hamburgh | Hihbs | Paris |
| 15 | 17 | Ditto | 24 | George Broker | Hoare | Barbadoes | Long | Genoa |
| 15 | 18 | Ditto | 24 | Ditto | Ball | Ditto | Lee | Manchester |
| 15 | 19 | Ditto | 24 | Dito | Briant | Ditto | Side | Lyons |

Receivable, Jan. 1804.


Receivable, Feb. 1804.


Receivable, March 1804.


## Bills.

| Page Journal. | No. | Ey whom Drawı | , and Place. | Date. | To whom Payable. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 4 | 1 | George Holland | London | fan. 2 | George Minns |
|  | 2 | Gibson and Carr | Birmingham | Jan. 12 | Alfred Simpson |
| 4 | 3 | Saminel Lightfoot | London | Jan. 21 | John Andrews |
| 4 | 4 | Ditto | London | jan. 24 | Ellis and Co. |
| 24 | 5 | Smighson \& Co | Londoul | Jan. 28 | George Ramzay |
| 4 | 6 | Ditto | London | lan. $\ddagger 8$ | Henry Watts |
| 4 | 7 | Ditto | London | Jan. 28 | Wright and Hull |

## Bills.

| Page Journal. | No. | By whom Drawn | , and Place | Date. | To whom Payabl |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 9 | 8 | Winter and West | Jamaica | Nov. 1 | Waiter Stubbs |
| 9 | 9 | Ditto | Ditto | Nov. 1 | Hurrie and Sells |
| 9 | 10 | Ditto | Ditto | Nov. 1 | Edward Horne |
| 9 | 11 | Ditto | Ditto | Nov, 1 | Winter aud Harris |
| 9 | 12 | Peter Holmes | Dublin | Feb. 9 | Robert Nicholson |
| 9 | 13 | Ditto Gibson \& Carr | Ditto. | Ditto | George Spunner |
| 9 | 14 | Gibson \& Carr | Birmingham | Feb. 15 | Edward Woor |

## Bills.

| Page Journal. | No. | By whom Drawn, and Place. |  | Date. | To whom Payable. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 15 | 15 | Charles Le Coin | Paris | Feh. 8 | J. Shipley |
| 15 | 16 | Ditto | Ditto | Feb. 8 | John Morris |
| 15 | 17 | Panton \& Abram | Petersburgh | Feb. 13 | Richard Yates |
| 15 | 18 | John Biddle | Grenada | Feb. 24 | John Gilbert |
| 15 | 19 | Ditto | Ditto | Feb. 24 | John Wilkinson |
| 15 | 20 | Samuel Lightfoot | London | March 28 | Edmur.d Vallance |

Payable, Jan. 1804.


Payable, Feb. 1804.

| Time. | Accep ${ }^{\text {d }}$. | Due. | Sum. | o whom Paid, and when. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 Month sipht | Feb. 7 | March 10 | 4001 of 0 | Milfod and Co. Mar. 10 |
| 2 Months sight | $\mathrm{F} \in \mathrm{b}$. $?$ | April 10 | 400 O 0 |  |
| 2 Months sight | Feb. 7 | April 10 | 50000 |  |
| 3 Months sight | Feb- 7 | May 10 | 4000 |  |
| 1 Month date | $\mathrm{F} \in \mathrm{b} .14$ | March 17 | 32000 | J. King $\quad$ Mar. 17 |
| 2 Months date | Feb. 14 | April 17 | $28 ; 0$ | W Hull Mar 18 |
| 1 Month date | Feb. 15 | March 18 | 2100 | W Hull Mar. 18\| |

Payable, March, 1804.


## TILE INVOICE BOOK.

An Invoice is a Paper sent off with Goods exported on Commission. The Preamble generally contains the name of the Ship, Master, Place of Destination, and of the Person to whom the consignment is made.

An Account is next given of the Quantity and Amount of the Goods, which are generally charged at the bona fide Prime Cost. The tradesmens Bills of Parcels are either copied or sent with the Invoices, and referred to.

The shipping Charges are added to the value of the Goods, and upon this sum the Agent or Factor generally charges his Commission. When he insures the Goods, he has also a small Commission on the Capital insured, which Capital is allowed to be something more than the value of the Risk, in order to cover the amount of the Risk, Premium, and other Expences, in case of loss.

The Cost of Insurance generally concludes the Invoice, and the Agent signs his name at the bottom with the words, Errors excepted; this signature, however, does not appear in the Book.

The Invoice Book which contains the copies of all Invoices sent off, is sometimes called the Invoice Book Outward, to distinguish it from the Invoice Book Inward, which contains copies of Invoices received from abroad. But this Book may be dispensed with, by preserving the originals, either filed, or in pigeon-holes, or pasted in a Blank Book made for the purpose.

Invoices of Goods received to be sold on Commission, are generally copied into the Sales Book, to which the subsequent Charges are added.

Inroice of Sugar shipped on Board the Neptune, Henry Aarsom, Master, for Naples, by order of William Pemberton, Merchant there, for his Account and Risk, and to him consigned.

London, Jan. 1, 1804.


Invoice of sundry Goods shipped on Board the Swain, Charles Mills, Master, for Bilboa, by Order of William Lamos, Merchant there, for his Account and Risk, and to him consigned.

London, Jan. 12, 1804.


## Invoice of Lead on Board* the Betsy, James Brown, Muster, for Leghorn, by Order and for Account of Wilson and $V$ 'anelli, and to them consigned.

London, Jan. 15, 1804.
W.\&V. 200 Pigs, weighing 224 cwt. 3 qrs. at $£ 1810$ Fother ...........
CuARGEs. Bills of Lading .-................................................

$$
\begin{array}{|l|l|l}
\hline 213 & 4 & 5
\end{array}
$$

$1 \frac{1}{2}$ Cent.............
Stamp Duty
Commission,
Commission, $\frac{\pi}{2} \notin$ Cent. 1

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* It is customary to sell Goods delivered on Board the Ship, and then the Invoice is disinguished by the words on Board, instead of sbipped on Board. If the articles thus sold are Debenture Goorts, the Seller keeps the Debentures to? himself, and receives the Bonnty or Drawback when it becomes due.

Inroice of sundry Goods shipped on Board the Hope, Henry Stanley, Master, for Jamaica, by Order of Winter and West, Merchants there, for their Account and Risk, and to them consigned.

London, Jan. S1, 1804.


Inooice of Sundries shipped on Board the Hope, Henry Stanley, Master, for Jamaica, by Order and for Account of Hampton and Co. and to them consigned.

London, Jan. 31, 1804.


Invoice of sundry Goods shipped on Board the Hope, Henry Stanley, Master, for Jamaica, by Order of Edward White, Merchant there, for his Account and Risk, and to him consigned.

London, Jan. 31, 1804.


Invoice of sundry Goods shipped on board the Hope, Henry Stanley, Master, for Jamaica, by Order and for Account of James Prime, and to him consigned.

London, Jan. 31, 1504.


Invoice of Sundries shipped on Board the Hope, Henry Stanley, Master, for Jamaica, for the Account and Risk of Edward Connor, and to him consigned.

London, Jan. 31, 1804.
E. C.


Invoice of sundry Goods shipped on Board the Hope, Henry Stanley, Master, for Jamuica, consigned for Sate to Pichard Broadley, Merchant there, on Account and Risk of the said Richard Broadley and the Shipper, cach a Half Share, London, Jan. 31, 1804.


Invoice of Six Hogsheads of Tobacco, slipped on Board the William and Mary, John Grater, Master, for Hamburgh; on Account and Risk of William Chulmley of the said Place.

London, March 16, 1804.


Inroice of 10 Bales of Pepper, shipped on Board the Nereid, Captain William M'Cleay, for Leghorn, for the Account and Risk of Wilson and Vanelli; marked and Numbered as $\ddagger^{\prime}$ Margin.

London, March 21, 1804.


Invoice of Porter shipped in the Success, Clarke, by Order, and for Account of Wilson and Bell, of Dundee.

London, March 25. 1804.


Quantity.
10 Barrels $\} 49$ Barrels B̈eerat 32s. 7880
24 Hhd. Casks at 15s. 1800 10 Barrels at 12s. 600 4 Half Hhds. at 12s. 280

|  |  |
| ---: | ---: |
| Shipping Charges | 104160 <br> 0128 |

Commission on $£ 105$ 8s. 8d. at $\overline{2 \frac{1}{2} \not \varphi^{\prime} \text { Ct. }}$

## Cilarges.

Premium of Insurance on $£ 120,7$ London to Dundee, at 2 Guineas $\uplus^{\prime}$ Cent.
Commission on ditto, at $\frac{1}{2} \not \Psi^{\circ}$ Cent.
Stamp for Policy

| 0 | 12 | 0 |
| :--- | ---: | ---: |
| 0 | 5 | 0 |

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Snvoice of Flaw shipped on board the Ann, M'Carthy, for Madeira, on Account and Risk of Millman and Son, of Lisbon, and consigned, by their Order, to Gotn INing, of Madeira.

London, March 26, 1804.


Inroice of 13 Chests of Tea shipped on Board the Sally, Fohn Daly, for Dublin, by Order for Account and Risk of Peter Holmes.

London, March 30, 1804.



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## THE SALES BOOK,

> OR

## FACTORY BOOK.

This Book is used to trace the Net Proceeds of any Cargo or Consignment sold upon Commission.

An Account Sales generally occupies Two Pages, with a Preamble over both, setting forth the Names of the Goods, Ship, and Person from whom the Consignment is received. The first or left-hand Page contains an Account of the various Charges incurred by the Transaction, such as Freight, Custom, Expences of Landing and Selling, together with the Brokerage, and Factor's Commission, both of which are charged on the Gross A mount of the Sales.*

The second, or right-hand Page, contains an Account of the Quantity, Price, and Amount of the Goods sold, with the Buyer's Name, and the Time of Payment. The difference between this Gross Amount, and the Charges on the other side is the Net Proceeds; for which the Factor gives his Correspondent credit, and sends him a copy of the Account Sales, and he generally signs his Name at the bottom, with the words Errors Excepted.

In small Consignments, an Account Sales may be comprised in one Page, beginning either with the Charges, or with the Amount of the Goods. The forms of these Accounts are various, but all tend to the same object, that of ascertaining the Net Proceeds.

[^11]Dr. Account Sales of 10 Pipes of Port IV ine, received $\Psi^{\prime}$

the Nancy, from Oporto, on Account of Millman \& Son, Cr.
1804.

Feb. 3 By Smithson and Co. sold them payable at 2 Months.

6 Pipes,
No. Gall.
$1 \quad 137$
$2 \quad 140$
$3 \quad 140$
$4 \quad 139$
5141
$6 \quad 141$
838 Less two Gall. allowed) for Ullage, viz. 836 Galls. at 361 . Pipe of 138 Gallons.

Feb. 4 By Henry Clinton, sold him payable in 3 Months.

4 Pipes,
$7 \quad 138$
$8 \quad 140$
$\begin{array}{ll}9 & 118\end{array}$
$10 \quad 140$


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## Dr. Sales of 6 Pipes of Olive Oil, received क' the Swan,



Jrom Leghorn, on Account of Wilson and Kanelli. Cr.
1804.

Feb. $\delta$ By Thomas Aveling, sold him two Pipes, payable at two Months.

No. Galls.
$1 \quad 112$
$2 \quad 1117$
229 at $£ 67$ Tun of 236 Gallons.

Feb. 12 By Edward Kimpton, sold him four Pipes, payable at three Months.

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\(3 \quad 118\)
\(4 \quad 113\)
\(5 \quad 116 \quad 1\)
\(6 \quad 118\)
\(\overline{465}\) at \(£ 67\) Tun of 236 Gallons.
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Ent ${ }^{\text {d }}$ Jour. P. 10.

Dr. Sales of 20 Hhds. of Sugar, received $\psi^{\prime}$ the Dolphin,

from Jamaica, on Account of Winter, West, \& Co. Cr.
1804.

Feb. 14
By Smithson
Two Month
12 Hogsheads

|  | 6 |  |  |
| ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| No. 1 | 11 | 2 | 12 |
| 2 | 12 | 0 | 11 |
| 3 | 11 | 1 | 13 |
| 4 | 12 | 0 | 2 |
| 5 | 11 | 3 | 5 |
| 6 | 11 | 2 | 16 |
| 7 | 11 | $\cdots$ | 13 |
| 8 | 12 | 0 | 15 |
| 9 | 11 | 2 | 12 |
| 10 | 12 | 0 | 7 |
| 11 | 11 | 3 | 11 |
| 12 | 11 | 2 | 15 |
|  | 141 | 0 | 20 |

Tare* $15 \quad 0 \quad 16$
Net 126 o $\quad 4$ at $76 \notin$ Cwt.
$\xrightarrow{478} \underset{-}{18}-$

Dr. Sales of 25 Bales of Cotton, \& 50 Bags of Pimento
1804.

10 Cent......... 5106
2s. 2d. ஆ $100 \mathrm{lb} . \ldots 4159$

Freight, Primage, and Pierage.... $16 \quad 9 \quad 6$
Landwaiter's Fees .................. 0 - 4
$\left.\begin{array}{c}\text { Expences going to the Docks for } \\ \text { Samples.............................. }\end{array}\right\} 0106$

Brokerage on £1039 18s. at $\frac{1}{2} \not \oiiint^{\circ} C t .5811$
Commission on ditto, at $2 \frac{1}{2} \not \uplus$ Cent.........

To Edward White, his Account Current for Net Proceeds

Ent ${ }^{\text {d }}$. Jour. P. 11.

* The particulars of the Pimento are here given at the usual length; but the Amount only of the Cotton is stated, as the Article, Page 92, is considered a sufficient specimen of an Account Sales of Cotton.

क' the Dolphin, from Jumaica, on Account of E. White. Cr.


Dr. Sales of 5 Hhds. Sugar, received कo the Martha,


Lareson, from Grenada, on Account of John Biddle. Cr.
1804.

Mar. ${ }^{24}$ By Wentham and Hull, 5 Hhds. at 3 Months.

|  | 6 |  |  |
| ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| 1 | 12 | 1 | 18 |
| 2 | 12 | 3 | 9 |
| 3 | 12 | 1 | 21 |
| 4 | 11 | 3 | 21 |
| 5 | 13 | 2 | 9 |
|  | 63 | 0 | 22 |

* Tare 6. $~(15$

Net $56 \quad 2 \quad 7$ at 82s. $\nsubseteq$ Cwt.
231
18
0

Dr．Sales of 16 Bales of Cotton Wool，received $\oplus^{\prime}$ the
1804.

Cotron．
Mar． 24 Duty 8s．$母^{\prime} 100 \mathrm{lbs}$ ．on $4207 \mathrm{lbs} .1616^{\circ} 6$
Entry，\＆c．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．． 00980
irreight，\＆c．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．． 3989
Primage，\＆c．1s． $4 \frac{1}{2} \mathrm{~d}$ 母 Bale．．．． $1 \quad 2 \quad 0$
Dock Dues， 2 s．8d．$母^{\circ}$ Cwt．．．．．． 500
Mending for Delivery，\＆c．．．．．．．． $\begin{aligned} & 0 \\ & 8\end{aligned}$
Advertising，\＆c．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．． 176
Insurance from Fire．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．． 180
Brokerage ．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．． 8 ． 0 2
To Commission， $2 \frac{1}{2} \uplus^{\prime}$ Cent．

Mar． 24 To J．Biddle，for Net Proceeds due this day

Entd．Jour．P． 17.

Martha, Laruson, from Grenada, on Account of J.Biddle. Cr.

1 S04.
Mar. 24 By Cash for 16 Bags sold at Public Sale,


* Draft, 1 lb per Pag. Tare, 4 lb , per Cwt. Tret, 4 lb . per 104 lb .

Sales of Osnaburgs received by sundry Ships for Account of Wilsón and Bell of Dundee.

London, March 11, 1804.


* Scotch Factors generally give the same Credit which they receive, and keep an Interest Account open with their Correspondents, reckoning for any deviation on either side from the stated time.

Sales of Linen, 1 Pack Brown, $\frac{3}{4}$ wide, $\ddagger$ the Hibernia, on Account of Peter Holmes of Dublin. iondon, March 30, 1804.

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## THE CASH BOOK.

The Cash Book contains an Account of all Money Transactions; it is kept in a folio form like the Ledger, with Dr. marked on the Left-hand Page, and Cr. on the Right. On the Dr. side is entered all Money received, and on the Cr . all Money paid.

The Amount of these Receipts and Disbursements may be carried each in one sum to the Ledger, for every Month, Week, or Day, according to the extent of the Business, but Monthly Divisions are the most general ; and it is found convenient to transfer the Cash Book first to the Journal, classing Articles of the same kind together.

The following Cash Book is formed from the Waste Book and Subsidiary Books, by observing those transactions where Money is either paid or received, and entering them accordingly with Dates, Names, and other necessary particulars. In real business, however, such transactions should be entered at the time they take place.

Separate Columns are sometimes allotted in the Cash Book for Money kept at different places, such as at a Banker's, at the Bank, and at home. The Banker's Book is generally found useful in correcting and abridging the Cash Book; and it may be also abridged by the help of a Petty Cash Book, containing an Account of Small Charges on Merchandize, and of other incidental Expences.

The Cash Book sometimes contains Accounts that need not be transferred to the Juurnal, such as Loans and Accommodations, which are to be soon repaid; these may be entered short, and when settled, they, of course, balance themselves.




$\overline{\text { CASH, }}$



## JOURNAL. (SEt III.)

The Journal opens with the Inventory of Stock, after which the Subsidiary Books are Journalised separately according to the following Rules; and then such transactions of the Waste Book as are not contained in any of the Subsidiary Books, close the Journal for each Month.

## RULES for JOURNALISING tie SUBSIDIARY bOoks.

## 1. TO JOURNALISE THE CASII BOOK.

For all Money received.................Cash Dr. to Sundries. For all Money Paid.................... Sundries Drs. to Cash. Specifying Particulars, and classing Items of the same kind together. See Page 3, Journal.
2. TO JOURNALISE THE BILL BOOK.

For all Bills received. ......... . Bills Receivable Dr.to Sundries.
For all Bills accepted ......... Sundries Drs. to Bills Payable:
Setting forth Names, Numbers, and other necessary Particulars. See Page 4, Journal.
3. TO JOURNALISE TIIE INVOICE BOOK.

The Person. (for whose Account the Invoice is sent) Dr. то Sundries, viz.

To Merchandize . . .............For Amount of Goods.
To Charges on Merchandize... For Shipping and other Charges.
To Commission ...............For the Factor's Commission.
To Insurance . . . . . . . . . . . . . . For Premium of Insurance. See Page 5, Journal.
When several Invoices are sent by the same Ship, they may be arranged in Columns, as in Page 6, a method which promotes both accuracy and dispatch, and which might be also used with the Invoice Book in general, and with the Sales Book.

## 4. TO JOURNALISE THE SALES BOOK.

The Person to whom the Goods are sold, is debited for the Sales, and if they are sold for Ready Money, the Account is entered accordingly in the Cash Book.-Then,

Sales ( $\nleftarrow$ the Ship's Name, \&c.) Dr. 'to Sundries.*
To Charges on Merchandize . . . For Charges at Landing, \&c. To Interest . .................... $\left\{\begin{array}{l}\text { For } \begin{array}{l}\text { Interest (if charged on } \\ \text { Money advanced.) }\end{array}\end{array}\right.$ To Commission.................... For the Factor's Commission. To A.B. (the Consigner) $\cdots\left\{\begin{array}{r}\text { For Net Proceeds. See Page } \\ 10 \text { Journal. }\end{array}\right.$

* These Titles vary in different Houfes; as, Sales of Cotton, Sugar, Esc. per the Sbip, Dr.; Mercbandize Imported, Dro; Consignments, \&c. and the Charges on Sales and Invoices, viz. Freigbt, Convoy, Duty, and Customs, are mostly arranged urder separate heads; but however these modes and terms may vary, the Principles and Result are the same.


# LONDON, January 1804. 

## Sundries Drs. $\dagger$ to Stock.

For the following Balances in my favour the 31st. Ult. transferred.

1 Cash.....for Balance in hand
Funded Property 4,000l. at $78 \frac{1}{4}$ in the $4 母^{\prime}$ Cts.
2 Farm in Kent

| 11700 | 0 | 0 |
| ---: | ---: | ---: |
| 3130 | 0 | 0 |
| 1520 | 0 | 0 |
| 300 | 0 | 0 |
| 750 | 0 | 0 |
| 3120 | 0 | 0 |
| 2165 | 10 | 0 |
| 462 | 10 | 0 | 5 Debentures . . $\left\{\begin{array}{l}\text { for Balance due at the } \\ \text { Custom House...... }\end{array}\right\}$.5 Debentures . . $\left\{\begin{array}{l}\text { for Balance due at the } \\ \text { Custom House...... } \\ 5\end{array} \begin{array}{l}\text { Bills Receivable, for the Amount of Bills } \\ \text { due to me ................................. }\end{array}\right\}$. 5 Debentures . . $\left\{\begin{array}{l}\text { for Balance due at the } \\ \text { Custom House...... } \\ 5\end{array} \begin{array}{l}\text { Bills Receivable, for the Amount of Bills } \\ \text { due to me ................................. }\end{array}\right\}$.

Millman and Son,
${ }_{6}^{6}$ Millman and Con,
6 William Lamos,
7 Panton and Abram,
7 William Chulmley,
7 Edward Taverton,
8 Silliam Pemberton, Wilson and Vanelli, ,

Oporto
Puris


Petersburgh
Hamburgh
Amsterdam
Naples. Leghorn

| 402 | 10 | 0 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 9820 | 10 | 0 |

2 House at Richmond ..............................
2 Ship Charlotte. - my half. .-............................

3 Merchandize. . . for Balance in hand

* The first Column here contains the Day of the Month, and the second, the folio of the Ledger where each Account is posteJ.
† A difference prevails among Book-keepers, with respect to using Dr. or Drs. aiter plural Accounts. - The projer way seems to be, to use it in the Bural, after Sundries only; and in the Singular, after Plural Titles, which stand but for one Articte or one Firun:-as, Bills Receivable Dr.Profit and Loss Dr. -Wilson and Bell Dr. \&c.
(2) LONDON, January 1, $1804 .{ }^{\circ}$

Stock $\cdot$ Dr. to Sundries*.

For the following Balances against me the S1st. Ult transferred.










## LONDON, February 1804.



LONDON, February 1804.

| $1\left\|\frac{2}{4}\right\|$ | Edward White Dr. to Insurance. <br> For Cost of insuring Gonds, per the Faithful, Sullivan, from Jamaica to London, at 6 Guineas per Cent. to return $1 \frac{1}{2}$ for Convoy and Arrives, viz. <br> Capital insured 3500l. at 61. 6s. per Cent.. - | 220 | 10 | 0 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\left(\left\lvert\, \begin{array}{rl} 4 \\ \frac{1}{9} & 1 \\ 8 & \mathrm{~T} \\ 9 & \mathrm{~T} \\ 10 & \mathrm{~T} \\ 4 & \mathrm{~T} \end{array}\right.\right.$ | Insurance Dr. to Sundries. <br> For Premium on the above, at 6 per Cent. <br> To Nicholson and Hope, 1000.... 60 o 0 <br> To Smithson and Co. ..-1000.... $60-0 \quad 0$ <br> To Peter Bonham ...... - 1000. . . 60 0 0 <br> To George Holland ...... 500 . . . . 30 0 0 <br> To Commission at $5 \not \mathscr{F}^{\prime}$ Cent. on Prem. $1010 \quad 0$ |  | 10 | 0 |
| $\begin{array}{r} 2 \\ 18 \\ - \\ 18 \\ 4 \end{array}$ | Adventure from Grenada (in Company with Peter Bonham and George Holland, each $\frac{1}{3}$ Share), Dr. to Sundries. <br> To John Biddle, for Amount $\}$ of Invoice 1260116 <br> To Insurance $\qquad$ $34 \quad 2 \quad 6$ | 1294 | 14 | 0 |
| $2 \left\lvert\, \frac{4}{15}\right.$ | Insurance Dr. to the London Assurance Company. <br> For Premium on 13001. at $2 \frac{1}{2}$ Guineas $\ddagger$ Cent. | 34 | - |  |
| $11 \left\lvert\, \begin{gathered} 19 \\ \hline \end{gathered}\right.$ |  | 1221 |  |  |
| $19 \frac{10}{19}$ | Horne and Jones Dr. to Hemp. $\left.\begin{array}{l}\text { For Amount of } 33 \text { Tons, at 341. 10s. } 4 \\ \text { Ton, at } 2 \text { Months................... }\end{array}\right\}$ | 113 |  |  |
| $23 \frac{11}{3}$ | Ashford and Son Dr. to Merchandize. For Amount of Goods sold them, as $\not \oiint$ B. P. |  |  |  |

*This Account (which is here supposed to be taken from a Sales Book) affords a fufficient example of a Partnership cor.cern.-The perspicuity and precision of this method will appear striking, when contrasted with the tedious and complicated forms given in the old systems of Book-keeping; the universal practice at present is, to keep a Purtnersbip Account as if it belonged to one Perfon only; to open a separate Account for each Partner, like that of any otber Individual; and to divide the Profits or Losses according to the Terms of Copartnersbip.


## LONDON, March 1804.




LONDON, March 1804.
\(24\left|\begin{array}{r}9 <br>

16\end{array}\right|\)| Wentham and Hull Dr. to Sales of Sugar, |
| :---: |
| \&' the Murtha. |

For Amount of 5 Hhds. at 3 Months, as $\ddagger$ S. B. f. 5.
$\qquad$
4 Sales of Sugar if the Martha Dr. to Sundries S To Charges on Merchandize 7218 4 To Commission $5 \quad 1511$
24 18 To John Biddle, for Net Proceeds $\left.\begin{array}{c}\text { o } 533 \\ \text { on } 5 \text { Hhds. as } \notin \text { S. B. f. 5. }\end{array}\right\} \begin{array}{lll}153 & 4 \\ \end{array}$

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231
$$

16 Sales of Cotton $\oiint^{\prime}$ the Martha, Dr. to Sundries.
3 To Charges on Merchandize
7316
4 To Commission..................... $20 \quad 0 \quad 6$
$24\left\{\begin{array}{c}\text { To John Biddle, for Net Proceeds } \\ \text { of } 16 \text { Bales, as } \Psi^{\prime} \text { S. B. f. } 6 .\end{array}\right\} 695 \quad 6 \quad 0$

LONDON, March 1804.

3016 Sales of Linen \&o the Hibernia Dr. to
3 To Charges on Merchandize........... 2 19 To Profit and Loss for Commission, Insurance from Fire, and $\} \begin{array}{lll}4 & 14 & 9\end{array}$ Advance of Money, \&c.
$\left.14 \begin{array}{c}\text { To Peter Holmes, for Net Proceeds, } \\ \text { as \& S. B. f. 8.............................. }\end{array}\right\} 72132$ $\square-$ -

William Pemberton Dr. to Sundries.
3 T $\left.5 \begin{array}{c}\text { To Bills Receivable, for No. 7, on } \\ \text { John Day, returned with Pro- }\end{array}\right\} 350 \quad 0 \quad 0$ test . . . . . .........-............-
3 To Churges on Merchandize for pro- $\left.\begin{array}{l}\text { testing the same ................ }\end{array}\right\} 0100$ testing the same.
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350100
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Charlas le Coln Dr. to Commission. For paying John Morris 16001. at $\frac{1}{2}$ © Cent.

Merchandize Dr. to Sundries.
For Goods bought this Month, as per Bills of Parcels.
14 9 To Wentham and Hull, at 2 Mths. $1750 \quad 0 \quad 0$ 2710 To Horne and Jones, at 4 Mths. $254 \quad 2 \quad 5$
-
$\qquad$
10 Wanstead and Gile Dr. to Merchandize.
253 For Amount of Goods sold them at 2 Months, as $\dot{4}$ B. P.

## LONDON, March 1804.

Sundries Drs. to Insurance.
For Return of Premium on 35001. insured Feb, 1 , on Gouds per the Faithful, Sullivan, for Convoy, at $i \frac{1}{2}$ per Cent. viz.


## LEDGER. (Set III.)

The Rules already laid down in Pages 9 and 28, will apply in all cases that can occur for posting the Journal into the L.edger : some futther explanations, however, may be here useful with respect to new forms and arrangements.

In the following Ledger the A ccounts are arranged in the same order as in the Journal, except in Folios 3, 4, and 5, where Articles, which are often referred to at the same time, are contiguously placed, to save the trouble of frequently turning to the Index. This method of classing Accounts of the same description is found very convenient in extensive business; but in the 'Theory of Bookkeeping it is more obvious and regular to follow the order of the Journal.

When all the Accounts are opened in the Ledger from the Inventory of Stock, let the Subsidiary Books in the Journal, for each Month, be separately posted in the following manner:

## 1. TO POST THE JOURNAL OF THE CASII BOOK.

Debit the Cash Account-'I'o Sundries, for the A mount received. Credit the Cash Account-By Sundries, for the Amount paid. Then, for the Second or Double Entry.
Credit each Account separately-By Cash, for the respective Sums received.
Debit each Account separately-To Cash, for the respective Sums paid.

## 2. TO POST THE JOURNAL OF THE BILL BOOK:

Debit Bills Receivable-To Sundries, for their whole Amount.
Credit each Person from whom they have been received-By Bills Receivable for their respective Amounts.-Again,
Credit: Bills Payable-By Sundries, for their whole Amount. Debit each Person for whom they have been accepted-To Bills

Payable, for their respective Amounts.

## 3. TO POST TIE JOURNAL OF THE INVOICE BOOK.

Debit the Person to whom the Invoice is sent-To Sundries for the whole Amount.
Credit Merchandize, Charges, Commission, and Insurance respectively-By the said l'erson, for the respective Sums annexed to these Terms*.

## 4. TO POS'T THE JOURNAL OF THE SALES BOOK.

Open a General Account of Sules to which transfer the Dr. and
Cr. Sides of each Sale respectively - then,
Debit the Person or Persons to whom the Consignment is sold
-To Sales ( $\wp$ the Ship's Name) for the Amount,-and
Credit Charges, Commission, and the Consigner-By Sales
for the Sums annexed to these Titles respectively.
When the other Articles of the Journal are posted, a Trial Balance should take place. This useful check may be applied either monthly, weekly, or daily, according to the extent of the business.

In making the General Balance, the Residue of Funded Property, Houses, Lands, Furniture, Ships, or Goods unsoldt, is here set down at the first cost; but in Real Business, it is more correct and satisfactory to enter such Balances at their actual value, and to debit or credit Profit and Loss for the difference between their present worth and prime cost. Such a valuation becomes necessary, when any change takes place in the Firm of a House, or in the Terms of Copartnership; and in order, at any time, to make a true estimate of Profit and Loss, Interest should be charged on all Property as well as on Debts.

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Dr.

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March 114 By Cash

| 1 | 150.5 | 0 | 0 |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 20 | 3718 | 2 | 6 |  |
| 5313 | 9 | 6 |  |  |
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Merchandize Dr.


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Dr.
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Jan.

| 8 |  | 16 |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 6 | 11 | 13 |  |
| 8 |  | 2 |  |
|  | 44 | 9 |  |
| 11 | 190 | 11 |  |
| 10 | 321 | 19 | 10 |
| 16 | 204 | 16 |  |
| 16 | 1071 | 17 |  |
| 19 | 161 | 11 |  |
| 16 | 893 | 5 |  |
| 7 |  | 18 |  |
| , | 4 | 0 |  |
| 14 |  | 12 |  |
| 6 | 39 | 2 |  |
| 14 |  | 15 |  |
| 16 | 72 | 18 |  |
| 16 | 731 | 16 |  |
| 16 | 6 | 9 |  |
| 16 | 2 | 3 |  |
| 8 |  | 10 |  |
| 19 | 79 | , |  |
|  | 17.38 | 2 |  |



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Dr.

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Dr.

W. Lamos, Bilboa

Dr.


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W. Chulmley, Hamburgh

Dr.

E. Taverton, Amsterdam

Dr.


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Cr.


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Cr.


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March 31 $|$.$| By Balance .........................20|| 216 \mid 110$

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Smithson and Co. London
Dr.

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16
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Nicholson and Hope, London Dr.


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\text { Peter Bonham, London } \quad \text { Dr. }
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Cr.


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Edward White, Jamaica
Dr.


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James Prime, Jamaica Dr.



Dr.


Richard Broadley, Jamaica
Dr.
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Edward Taylor, London
$D r$.


Adventure from Grenada in Co. Dr.


John Biddle, Grenada
Dr.


Contra
Cr.


Contra
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March 3018 By Sales of Linen $\psi^{\prime}$ the Hibernia.
31
By Farm in Kent
By Ship Charlott
By Commission

| 16 | 84 | 4 | 11 |
| ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| 16 | 4 | 14 | 9 |
| 2 | 117 | 0 | 0 |
| 2 | 94 | 15 | 0 |
| 4 | 349 | 19 | 9 |
| 14 | 114 | 4 | 7 |
| 14 | 81 | 14 | 1 |
| 19 | 178 | 19 | 8 |
|  | 1018 | 19 | -2 |
|  |  |  | - |

Balance $\quad D r$.
March 3

| To Cash. | 1 | 8918 | 1411 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| To Funded Property | 1 | 3718 | 26 |
| To Farm in Kent | 2 | 1500 | 0) 0 |
| To Household Furniture. | 2 | 881 | 0 0 |
| To House at Richmond | 2. | 345 | 100 |
| To Ship Charlotte | 2 | 312 | C 0 |
| To Merchandize. | 3 | 445 | $0{ }^{8}$ |
| To Bills Receivable | 5 | 56431 | 100 |
| To Debentures | 5 | 410 | 96 |
| To Millman and Son | 6 | 1144 | 96 |
| To William Lamos | 6 | 305 | 184 |
| To Panton and Abram. | 7 | 198 | 69 |
| To Edward Taverton | 7 | 216 | 110 |
| To IVilliam Pemberton | 8 | 296 | 15 |
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| To Gibson and Carr |  | 241 | S 8 |
| To Ashford and Son | 11 | 147 | 167 |
| To Winter and West | 12 | 13351 | 154 |
| To Richard Broadley | 15 | 7901 | 165 |
| To Peter Holmes |  | 244 | 68 |
| To Henry Clinton. |  | 1391 | 113 |
| To Thomas Aveling | 17 | 65 | 03 |
| To Edward Kimpton | 17 | 132 | 03 |
| To Edward Taylor. |  | 223 | 40 |
| To Hemp.......................... |  | 2611 | 138 |
|  |  | 33595 | 82 |

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## TRIAL BALANCE.



## TRIAL BALANCE.



## INTEREST ACCOUNT.

As Interest should be charged, in the Ledger, upon every Article, or Debt, from the time it becomes due to the period of settlement, the operation ought to take place before the general Balance, and the difference between the Interest of the Dr. and Cr. sides of each Account of the Ledger should be carried back to the Journal, making Sundries Drs. to Interest for the Balance in favour of Stock, and Interest Dr. to Sundries for the Balance on the other side. These Entries should then be posted to their respective Accounts in the Ledger; and it is common, at the same time, to insert postage of letters, and other small Charges on Merchandize.

A's the calculation of Interest* on numerous Accounts is a task which affords but little variety of instruction, it is omitted in the foregoing Ledger. The Example, p. 172, is here deemed sufficient to illustrate the practice and to shew how Interest is carried to an Account Current.

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## ACCOUNT-CURRENT BOOK.

The Account-Current Book contains the Personal Accounts of the Ledger, drawn out in a plain, circumstantial form. Here all the particulars are set forth as expressed in the Journal, or Subsidiary Books; and, instead of the collective term Sundries, every article is specified; and, for the sake of still greater perspecuity, the pronouns possessive are used in an appropriate manner, as "To my Acceptance of your Bill." -"To Balance in your Fayour," \&c.

A copy of each Account of this Book is transmitted to the Person whose name it bears. This Duplicate, which is called his Account-Current, shews how affairs stand between the parties, at the current or present time when made out. The word Current may here further imply, the present state of an Account in its course, or to be continued.

As every Man of Business is supposed to send in his Bills at certain times, so the Merchant furnishes his correspondent with, an Account-Current, which chiefly differs from 'a Tradesman's Bill in its double purpose of shewing the Charges for and against the Correspondent, and in addings Interest upon each Debt, from the Day it becomes due to the time of settlement.

In the following Example of an Account-Currrent, (formed from F. 12 of the foregoing Ledger), the Interest is placed at the bottom of the Folio:-It is, however, sometimes entered in a Column adjoining to its Principal, and sometimes in a line immediately after it. The Balance of Interest, if not duly paid, is (with the other Balance of the Account-Current) carried to a new Account, on which Interest is afterwards charged, as on any other Debt. The practice of thus charging Interest upon Interest, is sanctioned by the universal practice of Merchants.

The Account-Current Book is made out with the greatest facility at the time of posting the Journal to the Ledger; for, while any transaction is under consideration, its particulars are best understood. This practice has, besides, other important advantages in dividing and mitigating labour, and in supplying a Check or Abstract Ledger, by which latter denomination the Account-Current Book is sometimes known.

Dr. Mr. Edward White, of Jamaica,


## his Account Current with A. B.



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## SHIPPING ACCOUNT'S \& AVERAGLS.

Trading Vessels are mostly held in Shares, and one of the Owners is generally the Manager or Ship's Husband, for which he is allowed a certain per-centage on the whole Amount of the Freight. The manner of settling such an Account is nearly the same as that of any other Partnership concern. See Page 118.

The following Shipping Account (p. 176) has been copied from the Account Current Book of a Ship's Husband and Part Owner. Here all Expences incurred by the Voyage, are entered on the Dr. side, and the different Receipts for Freight are opposed on the $\mathbf{C r}$. side. The Balance or Gain is dimimished so as to make it an even sum, and each Owner is then credited for his share of the same: here the Balance is 13551.9 s .5 d . but the sum 1300l. only is divided, and the Surplus ( 551.9 s .5 d .) is reserved in the hands of the Manager to cover contingencies or to be carried to the credit of the next Voyage, in the same manner as the Reserve of the 7 th Voyage is here carried to the credit of the 8th or present Voyage.

In Shipping Accounts an important operation frequently occurs in settling Averages.

Averages are distinguished into General, and Particular; sometimes called Gross and Simple Averages.

General Average is a proportionable contribution paid by all the Proprietors of a Ship and Cargo for Losses which are made with a view to safety, such as throwing goods overboard, or cutting away masts to prevent Shipwreck; but voluntary sacrifices of this kind must be made by the previous consultation of the Officers and Sailors.

Particular Average is a contribution for such Damages or Losses as may happen from the common Accidents of Sea. Here the Average must be borne or paid by the Proprietors of the article which suffers the damage.

Averages are computed by the rule of Fellowship, thus; as the whole Value of any Article to the whole loss, so is each Man's Share of that Article to his proportional Average of the Loss.For instance, if a Ship and Cargo worth Ten Thousand Pounds, sustain a Loss of One Thousand, an Average of 10 per Cent. must be laid on the whole Property.

As this subject will be better understood after inspecting the following Account Current*, it will be resumed in page 178, and an Example given both of General and Particular Averages.
*Though the form and Purpose of the following Shipping Account may be understood by inspection, some of the terms may require explanation.

Tonnage-Duty, per Ton.
Custom. House Entry-Fees and Expences in clearing out.
Light Bills-for the support of Light.Houses, Buoys, \& c.
Yilotage-from River to the Downs.

- Coopers-allowed so inuch per Hhd. exclusive of every charge.

Premium against Fire.-for Three Months, while the Ship remains in the River after her arrival.

Fees-on reporting the Ship, Light Bills as above, and Tonnage Duty inwards:
${ }^{3}$ Constable Hire-Constables attend the ship till unloaded, to prevent plunderage.
Landzaiters-are allowed by Owners of Ships a Breakfast for each Vessel, and also are paid for the Weights they deliver at customary payment.

Tradesmen's Bills_consist of Sail makers, and bthers employed in fitting out, the Ship's Stores included.

Sundry small Bills and Expences paid by the Captain. ${ }^{\circ}$
River Pay-an Allowance made to the Sailors, with an Advance of a Month's Wages.

Disbursements-from River out and home; Advances for the Sailors; Stores; fresh Meat in Port; Captain's Expences in the West Indies; Negro Hire; Droyherage, \&:c.

Portage Bill-Amount of Sailors' Wages for the Voyage.
Captain's Primage-on Fieight out, 21 $\frac{1}{2}$ per Cent.
Ditto ditto home, Hhds. and Bales, 6d. ; Casks, 4d.; Bags, 2d.
-On Cotton carried in the Cabin the Captain is allowed Half Fieight.
Husbandage-the Managing Owner's Allowance or Commission.

## Dr. Owners of Ship Charlotte,



## in Account Current with A. B. \& Co. Cr.



## AVERAGES EXEMPLIFIED.

Ir has been already observed P. 174) that General Averages must be borne or paid, in due proportion, by the Proprietors of the whole Ship and Cargo; and Particular Averages by the Owners of the Article which suffered damage.

In computing a General Average for Masts, Rigging, \&c. cut away, a deduction is made of $\frac{1}{3}$ from the Cost of replacing them, as the new articles are supposed to be so much better than the old; but Goods thrown overboard are valued at the sum they would have netted had they arrived safe.

When a Ship, Cargo, and Freight are fully insured, the Underwriters or Insurers are responsible to the Proprietors for General and Particular Averages.-A Statement of such an Account may be briefly exemplified in the following manner.
Suppose a Ship from Jamaica to London had, in the course of her
Voyage, suffered the following Damages; required the General and Particular Average Loss. GENERAL AVERAGE.
Cost of replacing Masts, Cables, \&cc. cut away £300 Deduct $\frac{1}{3}$ for newness . ................................ 100

Anchor lost, which cost.......................... 50
10 Puncheons of Rum thrown overboard........ ' 200
Sundry Charges of Pilotage, \&c..-............... 50
Amount of General Average Loss $£ 500$ PARTICULAR AVERAGE.
Of 80 Hhds. of Sugar shipped, a part was so much damaged, that the Deficiency of 20 Casks, on a comparison with 60 that arrived free from Damage, was 10 Hhds. which at $£ 25$ each amount to ........... $£ 250$
VALUE OF SHIP, CARGO, AND FREIGHT.
Ship valued at. ....-. ............................... . . . 55000
Cargo, Net Proceeds, $\not \subset$ Account Sales ........ 8000
Gross Freight..-.......................... 2000
Portage Bill Deducted. ................. 100

## Statement For general average.

$$
\text { If } £ 14900: £ 500:: £ 100: £ 3 \text { 7s. } 1 \mathrm{~d} .
$$

## STATEMENT FOR PARTIGULAR AVERAGE.

If $£ 2000$ (Value of 50 Hhds. of Sugar) : $£ 250:: £ 100: £ 1210 \mathrm{~s}$.
The Insurers, therefore, will have to pay $£^{2} 3.7 \mathrm{~s} .1 \mathrm{~d} . 母^{\prime}$ Cent. for General Average on $£ 14900$. the Value of Ship, Cargo, and Freight; and for Particular Average, £12. 10s. \& Cent on £2000. the Value of the Sugars*.
In time of War, it is customary with the Insurers to stipulate for a certain Premium, but they agree in case-the Ship sail with convoy, and arrive, to return so much $\oiint^{\prime} \mathrm{Ct}$.; and this return is usually made when the Averages (if any) are settled.
Now, suppose the Premium on the above 80 Hhds. of Sugar were 8 Guineas $\nLeftarrow$ Cent. to return $3 \psi^{\prime}$ Cent. for Convoy, which took place, the adjustment for Average and return of Premium would stand thus:

| General Average on £2000. at £3 7s. 1d. $\ddagger$ Cent. | $\begin{array}{ccc} \text { E. } & \text { s. } \\ 67 & 1 & 8 \end{array}$ |
| :---: | :---: |
| Particular Average, £250. | 25000 |
| Return of Prem. on $£ 1750$. (the Value of Sugar that arrived) at $3 \notin$ Cent. | $5210 \quad 0$ |
| The Underwriters must pay the Assured | 369118 |
| Which is £18. 9s. 7d. $\oiint^{\prime}$ Cent.—For, If $£ 2000$. : £369. 11s. 8d. : : £100. : |  |

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## FACTORAGE ACCOUNTS.

Various other Forms of Accounts might be here added, which belong to particular kinds of Business, but their arrangements depend, in some measure, on the fancy of the Book-keeper. It may, however, be proper to notice a form which is generally observed when two Merchants reciprocally act as Agents and Employers to each other. Such transactions are distinguished by the mark $h \mid a$ or $m \mid a$ meaning his Account, or my Account. For instance, the Account of John Biddle, in the foregoing Ledger, (Fol. 10) might have been opened under two separate heads:-Thus the Sugar and Cotton which I sold on his Account might have been inserted under the Title, John Biddle, $h \mid a$, and the Adventure from Grenada, which he executed on my Account, under that of;'Jонм Biddle, $m \mid a$.

These distinctions are peculiarly useful in cases of Bankruptcy; for if an Agent fail, the Employer can claim and recover his Consignments, or any Balances which may be due upon them; but if the Employer himself become insolvent, all such Property must be given up to his Creditors.

When Merchants and their Agents reside in different countries, their Books are mostly kept in the currency of the places of their respective residence.-Inner columns are, however, allotted in the Ledgerforinserting and comparing the different Currencies whence an Exchange Account is formed, and the Gains or Losses of this. Account are finally carried to Profit and Loss*. See Page 213.

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## APPENDIX.

## ON EXCHANGES.

Exchange is the paying or receiving of money in one country for its equivalent in the money of another country, by means of Bills of Exchange. It is here divided into three parts.
I. On Bills of Exchange.
II. On the Monies of Exchange, with Rules for calculating their comparative Value.
III. On Arbitration of Exchanges, with Rules for drawing and remitting to the greatest advantage.
PARTI.

## on bills of exchange.

A Bill of Exchange is a written Order for the Payment of a certain sum of Money, at an appointed time.
The Person who draws the Bill is called the Drawer, and he to whom it is addressed the Dratee, who is also called the Acceptor, when he engages to pay the Bill; and the Person to whom it is ordered to be paid is called the Payee*. There are other Persons occasionally concerned in a Bill of Exchange, such as the Buyer, or Remitter; the Seller, or Negociator; and the Holder, or Possessor.

When the Holder of a Bill disposes of it, he writes his name on the back, which is called indorsing, and every Indorser is a security for the payment. The Payee should be the first Indorser; and if he indorse the Bill in favour of any particular person, it

[^16]is called a Special Indorsement, and the person to whom it is thus made payable is the Indorsee.

When a bill is presented for acceptance, it is generally left until the next day, and the common way of accepting it is, for the Drawee to write his name at the bottom, with the word accepted; but any other writing by him or his clerk, which does not imply a refusal, is deemed a legal Acceptance*.

If a Bill be refused acceptance, it is put into the hands of a Notary Public, and noted for non-acceptance; and if an accepted Bill be refused payment, it is noted or protested accordingly, and returned to the Drawer, by which he or any of the Indorsers are liable to pay the Bill, with all Costs; but if the Holder make any unnecessary delay in returnining it, he can sue the Acceptor only.

The Term of a Bill varies according to the agreement of the parties, or the custom of the countries: some Bills are drawn at sight, others at a certain number of days after sight or after date, and some are drawn at Usunce.

Usance is the usual Term of Bills between certain places, such as One, Two, or Three Months after datet, and Double or Half Usance means Double or Half the usual time.

Days of Grace are a certain number of Days granted after the Term of a Bill is expired; in Great Britain and Ireland, Three Days are allowed, except for Bills at sight, which must be paid when presented.

The Par of Exchange $\ddagger$ is the intrinsic Value of the Money

[^17]of one country, compared with that of another country, with respect both to the Weight and Fineness.*

The Course of Exchange is the current Price of Monies of Exchange, as established between different places. This Rate or Price is seldom at par, but fluctuates, according to the circumstances of Trade, or the demand for Bills.

By the operation of Bills of Exchange, reciprocal Debts, due in distant places, are discharged, without the risk or expence of remitting Specie.

Suppose, for example, $A$. of London is Creditor to $B$. of Paris 1001. and C. of London Debtor to D. of Paris 1001. both Debts may be discharged by a transfer of Debtors and Creditors, thius, $A$. draws a Bill on $B$. which C. purchases and remits to $D$.

Here $C$. of London pays $A$. of London, and $B$. of Paris pays D. of Paris; and in this manner equal Debts may be settled without sending Money from one place to another.

But when the Debts between two places are unequal, the balance must be remitted either in Money or Bills; and as the latter mode is the most convenient, the increased demand for Bills enhances their price; or, in other words, raises the Course of Exchange in favour of the place where the balance is to be sent, and vice versâ.

Hence the Fluctuation in the Course of Exchange arises from the Balance of Remittance ; and this is mostly caused by the Balance of Trade, which is the difference between the commercial Exports and Imports of any one place with respect to anotherfor instance, if the Exports of London to Paris be 1001. and her Imports from the same place 2001. the Balance of Trade is against London, and in favour of Paris.

Now, if London send the Balance to Paris in Bills, the demand may be supposed to raise their Price; and if the Par be-

[^18]tween those places be 24 livres for $£ 1$. Sterling; but on account of the scarcity of French Bills, the Course of Exchange is only 23 Livres; in such case, London loses by the Remittance, and instead of 1001. must pay 1041. 6s. $11 \frac{1}{2} \mathrm{~d}$. for as $23: 24:: 100$ : $104611 \frac{x}{2}$.

When the Course of Exchange runs high against any place, it becomes the interest of individuals there to remit their Balances in Specie, instead of Bills. Such Remittances tend to reduce the Price of Exchange nearer to Par ; they are sometimes, however, considered injurious to the Country from whence they are made, and are therefore occasionally prohibited, though Remittances in Bullion are always allowed.

## PARTII.

## MONIES OF EXCHANGE,

with

## Rules for calculating their comparative Value.

Monies of Exchange and of Account are mostly the same; in some places they are imaginary, as the Pound Sterling in England, and in others real, as the Shilling or Penny.

Monies of Exchange may be also distinguished into certain and uncertain, according to the custom of countries:-thus England gives a fixed sum (the Pound Sterling) for a variable sum of the Money of France, Holland, Hamburg, and Venice, and she gives an uncertain or fluctuating Price for a certain Sum or Coin of the Money of other trading Places; such as the Piastre of Spain, or the Milree* of Portugal.

[^19]The following TABLE shews the Course of Exchange, according to Lloyd's List, Sept. 5, 1804, and also the Par, Usance, and Days of Grace, with respect to London..

| LONDON | Course of Exchange. | Par., | Usance. | Days of Grace. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Amsterdam | 376 | 367 | $1 \mathrm{~m} / \mathrm{d}$ | 6 |
| Hamburgh | 3510 | $34{ }^{\text {8* }}$ | $1 \mathrm{mi} / \mathrm{d}$ | 12 |
| Paris. | $25 \quad 2$ | 2411 | $30 \mathrm{~d} / \mathrm{d}$ | 10 |
| Madrid | 34 | 39 | $2 \mathrm{~m} / \mathrm{s}$ | 14 |
| Leghorn | 49 | 54 | $3 \mathrm{~m} / \mathrm{d}$ | - |
| Naples | 38 | 45 | 3 md | 3 |
| Genoa. | 45 | 50 | 3 md | 30 |
| Venice | 59 | 48 - 4 | $3 \mathrm{~m} / \mathrm{d}$ | 6 |
| Lisbon | 61 | 67 | $30 \mathrm{~d} / \mathrm{d}$ | 6 |
| Dublin | $12 \frac{1}{4}$ | $8 \frac{1}{3}$ | See p.190 | 3 |

By comparing the Par with the Course of Exchange, it anpears that
Amsterdam gives London 37s. 6d. Flemish for £1. Sterling, which is above Par.
Hamburgh gives 35s. 10d. Flem. for £1. Sterl. which is above Par. Paris gives 25 Livres 2 Sous for £1. Sterl. which is above Par. Madrid gives the Piastre for 34d. English, which is under Par. Leghorn gives the Dollar for 49d. which is under Par. Naples gives the Ducat for 38d. which is under Par.
Genoa gives the Pezza for 45 d. which is under Par.
$V$ enice gives 59 Livres, for $£ 1$. Sterling, which is above Par. Lisbon gives the Milree for 61d. which is under Par.
Dublin gives $£ 112 \frac{1}{4}$ Irish for $£ 100$ English, which is above Par.
The following Rule will shew when the Exchange is favourable or unfavourable.

The lower the Course of Exchange runs, the more favourable it is to the Place or People in whose Moncy it is reckoned, and vice versâ.
Hence, according to the above Table, the Exchange is, in every instance, favourable to London; but in all such computations, Interest should be allowed for Usance, or the time which Bills may have to run.

## AMSTERDAM.

There are two Sorts of Money in Holland, called Banco and Currency-the former generally bears a small Premium called Agio, and all Bills of Exchange are valued and paid in Banco.

Accounts are kept in Guilders, Stivers, and Pennings; and also in Pounds, Shillings, and Pence Flemish.

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\begin{aligned}
16 \text { Pennings } & =1 \text { Stiver ( }=2 \text { Pence Flemish) } \\
20 \text { Stivers } & =1 \text { Guilder, or Florin. } \\
2 \frac{1}{2} \text { Guilders } & =1 \text { Rix Dollar. } \\
6 \text { Guilders } & =1 \text { Pound Flemish. } \\
& \text { ALso, } \\
8 \text { Pennings } & =1 \text { Groot, or Penny Flemish. } \\
12 \text { Pence } & =1 \text { Shilling. } \\
20 \text { Shillings } & =1 \text { Pound. }
\end{aligned}
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Dutch Money is reduced to English by saying,-As the given Rate of Exchange to £1. Sterling, so the given Dutch to the Sterling sought :-and sterling is changed to Dutch by reversing this analogy.

Banco is reduced to Currency by saying-As $100+$ Agio : 100 :: Banco : Currency; and Currency is changed to Banco by the reverse statement.

## EXAMPLES.

Reduce 8132 Guilders 16 Stivers into Sterling; Exchange at 10 Florins or Guilders 8 Stivers $\not \oiint^{\prime}$ Pound Sterl. ( $=34 \mathrm{~s} .8 \mathrm{~d}$. Flem.)


Reduce 8521. 12s. 6d. Sterling into Dutch Money ; Exchange at 10 F. 6 St. 4 Pen. $\Phi^{\prime}$ Pound Sterling $=34 \mathrm{~s} .4 \frac{1}{2} d$. Flem.



If the above Course of Exchange had been given in Flemish, the Operation would be as follows :-


## QUESTIONS FOR EXERCISE.

Reduce 2210 Guilders Banco into Currency; Agio, 3x $\frac{1}{8}$ Cent.

Reduce 2279 Guilders, 1 Stiver, 4 Pennings Currency into Banco; Agio, $3 \frac{1}{8} \not \psi^{\prime}$ Cent. Answ. 2210 Guilders.
Reduce 9177 Guilders, 6 Stivers, 14 Pennings Currency of Holland, into English Money; Exchange at 3ǒs. 10d. Flemish $\not \psi^{\prime}$. Sterling, and Agio, $4 \frac{3}{8} \not 母^{\prime}$ Cent.

Answer. £817 18s. $5 \frac{1}{4} \mathrm{~d}$. Sterling.

## 3 malo. 1 gitath 12 HAMBURGH.

There are two sorts of Money at Hamburgh, called Banco and Currency*. Banco bears a considerable Premium, the Agio being from 18 to 25 Cent. ; and all Bills of Exchange are valued and paid in this Money.

Accounts are kept in Marks and Shillings, both Banco and Currency-Also in Pounds. Shillings, and Pence Flemish, but this is an imaginary money, and only used in Exchanges.


[^20]
## EXAMPLES.

Reduce 3965 Marks, 10 Shill. Banco into Sterling ; Exchange at 35s. 3d. Flemish $\ddagger$ £. Sterling.


Reduce £300 Sterl. into Marks and Shillings Banco ; Exchange, at 35 s .3 d . Flemish $\not \mathrm{Y}^{\prime} £$. Sterling.


Reduce 4500 Marks Current into Sterling Exchange at 35s. 6d.
Flemish $\oiiint_{0} . £$. Sterling, and Agio $20 \not$ Cent. $^{\circ}$ If $120: 100:=4500: 3750$.

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Again-If $356: 1:: 3750: 281 \quad 139 \frac{1}{2}$ Answer. or thes by conjoined proportion :
Current Marks $120=100$ Marks Banco. Marks Banco - $3=\delta$ S. Flemish.
Flemish S. - $356=1$ £. Sterling. 45000 Marks Currency.

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## QUESTIONS FOR EXERCISE.

Reduce 8234 Marks, 10 Shillings Banco into Sterling; Exchange at 33s. 10d. Flemish $\Psi^{\prime} £$. Sterl. -Answer. $£ 649$ 0s. $8 \frac{1}{4}$ d.
Reduce 8732 Marks Current into Sterling; Exchange at 34s. 5 d .
Flemish, ぬ £. Sterling, Agio 20 や Cent.
Answer. £563 16s. $2 \frac{1}{4} \mathrm{~d}$.

## PARIS.

Accounts in France are kept in Livres, Sous, and Deniers, and also in Francs and Cents.
12 Deniers . . . $=1$ Sou, or Sol.
20 Sous . . . . $=1$ Livre Tournois.
3 Livres . . . . $=1$ Ecu.

10 Centimes . . . . $=1$ Décime. 10 Décimes, or 100 Cents. $=1$ Franc. 80 Francs • . . . $=81$ Livres.
Thus the Franc, or new Livre $=243$ Deniers, being $\int^{\frac{1}{4}}$ Cent. better than the old Livre Tournois, which $=240$ Deniers*. Hence, as $81: 80:$ : Francs : Livres.

## EXAMPLES.

Reduce 197 Francs, 7 Décimes, 5 Centimes, into Livres, Sous, and Deniers.

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* Francs and Livres were formerly synonymous, but, in a late Coinage, the 5 Livre Pieces were, by some accident, made too heavy, being worth $101 \frac{1}{4}$ Sous instead of 100 ; the new Franc has been therefnre adopted in conformity to this accidental value.

The following are the principal Alterations recently made at Paris in the French Exchanges.


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Paris exchanges with London by giving a variable number of Livres, Sous, and Deniers, or of Francs and Cents for the Pound Sterling; 'also the Ecu for a variable number of English Pence.

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Reduce 7909 Livres, 13 Sous, into English Money; Exchange at 23 Livres, 15 Sous $\not{ }^{\prime} £$. Sterling.

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Reduce $£ 875$ 17s: 6d. into Livres, \&c. ; Exchange at 23 Liv. 15 Sous, $母^{\prime} £$. Sterling.

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| 12 | 12 | 23,75 |
| $\overline{240}$ | $\overline{210210}$ | 20802,03125 |
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| 24,0 $\longdiv { 9 9 8 4 }$ | 975;0( 41604,0,625 | 0,62500 |
| 96 | 12 | 12 |
| 38 | 20802: $0: 7, \overline{500}$ | 7,50000 |



## QUESTIONS FOR EXERCISE.

Reduce 6524 Francs, 10 Cents, into Livres. Answer, 6605 Liv. 13 Sous.
Reduce $£ 728.15$ s. into Francs and Cents.; Exchange at 23 Liv. 10 Sous $\not \subset \prime$ Pound. Sterling, -Answ. 16914 Francs, 19 Cents.
Reduce 2385 Livres, 11 Sous, into Sterling; Exchange at $25 \frac{7}{8} \mathrm{~d}$. $\mathbb{\Phi}^{\oiiint}$ Ecu.-Answ. $£ 85$ 14s. $6 \frac{3}{4} d$.
Reduce 4359 Livres, 15 Sous, 6 Deniers, into Sterling; Exchange at 24 Francs, 25 Cents. $f^{\circ}$ Pound Sterling.

Answ. $£ 177.11 \mathrm{~s}$. $3 \frac{1}{2} \mathrm{~d}$.

## M A D R I D.

Accounts in Spain are principally kept in Piastres, Rials, and Maravedies.

| 34 Maravedies . . . | $=1$ Rial. |
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| 8 Rials . . . . | $=1$ Piastre. |
| 4 Piastres . . . . | $=1$ Pistole of Exchange. |
| 375 Maravedies . . . | $=1$ Ducat. |

Exchanges between Spain and England are negociated by the Piastre, also called the Pezza, Dollar of Exchange, and Piece of Eight. The Ducat, or Ducadio di Cambio, is sometimes used in Exchanges, as also the Pistole*.

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E X A M P L E S
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Reduce 2375 Piastres, 16 Rials, 17 Maravedies, into Sterling, at 34d. 母 Piastre.


[^21]The foregoing Question may be proved by reversing the Proportion, or thus by Practice.

## QUESTIONS FOR EXERCISE.

Reduce 4326 Piastres, 6 Rials, 25 Maravedies into Sterling ; Exchange at $33 \frac{3}{8} \mathrm{~d}$. Fo Piastre.-Answ. £691 16s. $10 \frac{1}{2} \mathrm{~d}$.
Reduce 16144 Piastres, 4 Rials, 29 Maravedies V ellon, into Ster ling ; exchange at $34 \frac{\mathrm{r}}{2} \mathcal{F}^{3}$ Piastre of Plate. Answer. £1932 18s. $3 \frac{3}{4}$ d.

## LISBON.

In Por'tugal, Accounts are generally kept in Milrees and Rees, and they are distinguished by a mark set between them ;-thus, 782 - 355 , that is, 782 Milrees, 355 Rees.

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\begin{aligned}
& .400 \text { Rees . . . }=1 \text { Crusado. } \\
& 1000 \text { Rees . . . }=1 \text { Milree. }
\end{aligned}
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As Rees are Decimal Parts of a Milree, Exchanges are best calculated by Decimals, and proved by reversing the Proportion.

## QUESTIONS FOR EXERCISE.

Reduce $827 \odot 160$ into Sterling; Exchange at $63 \frac{3}{8} \nsupseteq$ Milree。 Answer. £218. 8s. $5 \frac{1}{4}$ d.
Reduce 7434 Crusados, 547 Rees into Sterling, at 65d. $\not \ddagger$ Milree。 Answer. £805. 8s. $10 \frac{1}{2} \mathrm{~d}$.
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## LEGHORN.

Keeps Accounts in Piastres, Soldi, and Denari; and Exchanges with London are likewise computed by these Denominations.
12 Denari . . . . $=1$ Soldi.
20 Soldi . . . . $=1$ Piastre, or Dollar.

Leghorn exchanges with some places in the Piastre of $\delta$ Rials, or 5 Livres, 15 Sols.
Reduce 1876 Piastres, 12 Soldi, 6 Denari, into Sterling at $50 \frac{1}{4} \mathrm{~d}$. $\not$ Piastre.-Answer, £392. 18s. $4 \frac{1}{4} \mathrm{~d}$.

## NAPLES AND GENOA.

Negociate their Exchanges, like Leghorn, dividing their Pezze, Ducats, or Dollars of Exchange into Soldi and Denari. The same may be observed of most other parts of Italy and the Italian Isles. At Naples, however, and in Sicily, the Ducat Regno is divided into 100 Grains.

## VENICE.

Venice negociates Exchanges with London by giving an uncertain number of Livres or Lire Picole for the Pound Sterling.*
12 Denari $\cdot \quad=1$ Soldo.
20 Soldi $\cdot \dot{ } \cdot 1$ Lira.
$6 \frac{1}{3}$ Livres, or Lire $=1$ Ducat Current.

Reduce 7359 Livres, or Lire Picole, into Sterling; Exchange, $59 \frac{3}{4}$ Liv. $\nsucceq$. Sterling.-Answ. £123. 3s. 3d.

[^22]The foregoing are the principal places in Europe with which London has a direct Exchange．－Negociations，with other places， are mostly made by Bills on Amsterdam，Hamburgh，or Venice． The following are their Monies of Exchange ：－

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$\left\{\begin{array}{c}\text { Exchanges in Francs and } \\ \text { Cents，and also on the Rix } \\ \text { DoL }=48 \text { Patars，} 768 \text { Pen．}\end{array}\right\}=\begin{array}{rr}\text { s．} & d . \\ 4 & 6\end{array}$
Augsburg．．．．．．．$\left\{\begin{array}{r}\text { Florin }=60 \text { Creutzers }=240 \\ \text { Penins．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．}\end{array}\right\}=3,0$
BAsIL $\ldots . . . . . . .-1\left\{\begin{array}{c}\text { Florin }=60 \text { Creutzers，and } \\ 36 \text { Creutzers }=1 \text { Livre } \\ 90 \text { Sols＝} 210 \text { Deniers．．．}\end{array}\right\}=30$
Berlin ．．．．．．．．．． $1\left\{\begin{array}{c}\text { Rix Dollar }=94 \text { Gros }=288 \\ \text { Deniers．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．}\end{array}\right\}=46$
Constantinople 1 Piastre $=40$ Parats $=120$ Aspers $=46$
Copenhagen．．． $1\left\{\begin{array}{c}\text { Rix Dollar }=6 \text { Marks }=192 \\ \text { Sols }=2304 \text { Deniers．．．．．．}\end{array}\right\}=46$
Franckiort ．．． $1\left\{\begin{array}{c}\text { Rix D．}=1 \frac{1}{2} \text { Flor．}=20 \frac{1}{2} \text { Batz } \\ =90 \text { Creutz．}=360 \text { Penins }\end{array}\right\}=46$
Geneva．．．．．．．．． 1 Ecu＝3Liv．$=60$ Sols＝720 Den．$=39$
Leipsic ．．．．．．．．．．$\left\{\begin{array}{r}\text { Rix Dol．}=1 \frac{1}{3} \text { Flor．}=24 \text { Gros } \\ =488 \text { Deniers } . . . . . . . . .\end{array}\right\}=46$

Petersburgh．．． $1\left\{\begin{array}{c}\text { Ruble }=100 \text { Copecs }=200 \\ \text { Moscoes ．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．}\end{array}\right\}=26$
Rome．．．．．．．．．．．． 1 Crown＝ 10 Julios $=100$ Bayocs $=61$
Stoскно⿱亠䒑．．．．． $1\left\{\begin{array}{c}\text { Rix Dollar }=48 \text { Shillings }= \\ 576 \text { Deniers ．．．．．．．．．．．．．．}\end{array}\right\}=46$
Vienna ．．．．．．．．．． $1\left\{\begin{array}{r}\text { Rix Dollar }=1 \frac{1}{2} \text { Florins }=90 \\ \text { Creutzers }=360 \text { Penins } . .\end{array}\right\}=46$
Most other Trading Places，in the Northern Parts of Europe， exchange on the Rix Dollar－in Dantzic，however，the Florin is used，which is worth 10d．Sterling；and in Koningsberg，the Florin，which is worth about 1s． $1 \frac{1}{2}$ d．Sterling．

## DUBLIN.

Accounts in Ireland are kept in Pounds, Shillings, and Pence, as in England ; the Par of One Shilling English is One Shilling and One Penny lrish; and therefore $\mathcal{E} 100$ English $=\mathscr{E} 108.6 \mathrm{~s} .8 \mathrm{~d}$. Irish; but the Course of Exchange varies from 6 to $20 \not \oiint^{\prime}$ Cent.

## EXAMPLES.



Reduce $£ 748$ 10s. English into Irish ; Exchange at $12 \frac{1}{2} \nLeftarrow$ Cent.


## QUESTIONS FOR EXERCISE.

Reduce $£ 787.15$ s. English into Irish; Exchange at $11 \frac{5}{8}$. Answer. $£ 879.6 \mathrm{~s} .6 \mathrm{~d}$.
Reduce £876. 12s. 6d. Irish into English, according to the present Course of Exchange. Page 185, with Proof.
Bills drawn from London on Dublin are generally either at 21 Days Sight, or 30 Days Date; also at 31 Days sight, 45 Days Date, and 60 Days Date, and the Price of Exchange is stipulated accordingly. Thus, if the Course be $12 \frac{1}{4}$ at $21 \mathrm{~d} \mid \mathrm{s}$, it will be $12 \frac{3}{8}$ at $31 \mathrm{~d} \mid \mathrm{s} ; 12 \frac{1}{2}$ at $45 \mathrm{~d} \mid \mathrm{d}$ : and $12 \frac{3}{4}$ at $60 \mathrm{~d} \mid \mathrm{d}$. each advance being nearly equal to the interest for the corresponding time.

## INLAND BILLS.

Several places in Great Britain exchange with London at a small premium in Favour of London, such as 1 or $1 \frac{1}{\ddagger} \psi^{\prime}$ Cent. Thus a Bill of £860. drawn at Edinburgh on London, at a Premium of $1 \frac{3}{3} \varliminf^{\prime}$ Cent. will cost $£ 871.16$ s. 6d.; but the Premium is genẹrally commuted for Time-that is, by drawing the Bills on London at a certain number of Days aiter Date, and according to this Practicé, 73 Days $=1 \psi^{3}$ Cent.--(See p. 164.)

## AMERICA AND THE WEST INDIES.

In North America and the West Indies, Accounts are kept in Pounds, Shillings, and Pence, as in England; but as there are here but few Coins, a Paper Currency is substituted, which is generally at a considerable Discount, and which may be computed in the following manner:-
Reduce £845. 17s. 6d. Currency into Sterling; Exchange at so $\not \psi^{\prime}$ Cent.

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\end{array}\right. \\
& 9 \lcm{4299 \quad 7 \quad 6} \\
& 469 \quad 18 \quad 7 \frac{1}{3} \text { Sterl. }
\end{aligned}
$$

Reduce $£ 1780$. Currency into Sterling; Exchange at $40 \mathcal{f}^{\prime}$ Cent. Answer. £1971. Ss. $6 \frac{3}{4}$ d.
Reduce 2917. 18s. Sterling into Currency, at $75 \oiint^{\circ}$ Cent. With Proof*.

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## P A R T III.

## ARBITRATION OF EXCIIANGES,

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Rules for Drawing and Remitting to Advantage.

Arbitration of Exchange is a comparison made betweer the Exchanges of different Places, for the purpose of negociating Bills to advantage-a subject which may require some previous illustration.

In the Negociation of Bills of Exchange, there are two parties principally concerned; namely, Sellers of Bills, called Drawers, and Buyers of Bills, called Remitters; and their Interests are opposite with respect to the Price or Course of Exchange.

In directExchange, that is, when Bills are negociated between two places only, the Interest or advantage of the Drawer is the same as the Interest of the Place on which he draws, and the reverse takes place with regard to the Remitter.-Suppose, for example, $A$. of London wants to remit a Bill to Dublin of $£ 100$. Irish*, which Bill he purchases of B. of London, Exchange at $10 \nLeftarrow$ Cent. the Bill will cost £90. 18s. £d.; but had the Course of Exchange been higher, that is, more in favour of Londont, the Bill would have cost less. Suppose the Rate to be 11 font. the Bill will then cost only $£ 90$. Is. 10d.-Thus, when the Exchange is in favour of London, it is in favour of the London Remitter, and agamst the London Drawer, and vice versa.

[^24]When a Bill of Exchange is purchased，and remitted to the place on which it is drawn，in order to gain by the Re－exchange from the same place，the Profit should be at least equal to the Interest of the Bill．

Suppose，for example，$A$ ．of London purchases a Bill on Dub－ lin of $£^{5} 500$ lrish，at 21 Days Sight，Exchange $10 \mathcal{O}^{\prime}$ Cent．；at what Price should the Amount be remitted back in a Bill on Lon－ don of 21 Days sight，to afford $A .5 母^{\prime}$ Cent．$母^{\prime}$ Ann．Interest？

Here it may be computed，that in 56 Days $A$ ．will receive his return；that is，allowing 21 Days for each Bill，with 3 Days Grace and 4 Days Passage．－Then，if $£ 110: £ 100:: £ 500$ ： £454．10s．11d．二the first Price of the Bill，the Interest of which，for 56 Days at $5 \biguplus^{\prime}$ Cent．is £3．9s．8d．－Then， If $£ 458.0$ s．7d．（the Amount）：£500 ：：£ $100: £ 109.3 \mathrm{~s}, 5 \mathrm{~d}$ ．

Thus if the Bill be purchased in Dublin at $9 \frac{\pi}{3} \not \oiint^{\prime}$ Cent．it will yield something more than $5 \oiiint^{\prime} \mathrm{Ct}$ ．and if at $9 \frac{1}{4}$ ，something less．

When Commission＊and other Expences are included，the computation may be made in the following manner ：－

Suppose $£ 100$ be remitted to Amsterdam at $£ 2$ Usance，Ex－ change 11 Fl． 15 Stiv．$\nsupseteq$ ．Sterling，at what Exchange must the Amount be remitted back to London in a Bill of 9 Usance， so as to prevent Loss？


Hence a Bill remitted back at 11 Fl． 9 Stiv． 7 Pen．will yield a Profit of $\mathscr{2}$ ．8s．\＆Cent．for 4 Months，which covers the ne－ cessary Expences，and affords 5 Cent．\＆Annum Interest on the Remittance．

[^25]In negociating Bills of Exchange through several Places, a Comparison must be made between the present Course or Direct Price, and the Proportional or Arbitrated Price, in order to determine where the Exchange is favourable or unfavourable; and hence the Rule of Arbitration, which is cither, simple or Compound.

## SLMPLE ARBITRATION.

Simple Arbitration is the Proportion between the Exchanges of any two places with respect to a third; and it is performed by the Rule of Three, either Direct or Inverse, according to the Conditions of the question.

## EXAMPLES.

If the Exchange from London to Lisbon be 68d. Milree, and from London to Madrid 34 Pence $\nsim$ Piastre, what is the Arbitrated Price between Lisbon and Madrid ?-that is, how many Rees should be given for 1 Piastre?

The Solution of this Question is obvious; for, as 34 is the half of 68 , the Piastre must be worth half a Milree, or 500 Rees. Thus,

Suppose the Exchange between London and Paris be 23 Livres 15 Sous $\not \wp^{\circ}$. Sterling, and between London and Amsterdam 10 Florins 15 Stivers $\not \oiiint^{\prime}$. Sterling; how many Flemish Pence are equal to 3 Francs?


## of NEGOCIATING BILES.

- As it seldom happens that the advised Course of Exchange and the Arbitrated Price are alike, or at Par, an advantage may be
occasionally made by drawing and remitting with judgment ; in such cases the following Rule may be observed:
Draut upon the Place, where the Course of Exchange is below the Arbitrated Price, and remit to the Place where the Course is above the Arbitrated Price.


## EXAMPLES.

Suppose the Course of Exchange from London to Madrid be 34d. $\Psi^{\prime}$ Piastre, and from London to Oporto 68d. Milree, the Arbitrated Price between Madrid and Oporto is therefore 500 Rees. W Piastre-but suppose M. of Madrid advises L. of London that the Exchange for Oporto is 525 Rees: which is the best mode of drawing, and what is the Profit on a bill of $£ 100$ ?

Here the Course of Exchange between Madrid and Oporto is, with respect to Oporto, below the Arbitrated Price, and therefore, let $L$. of London draw upon $O$. of Oporto for $£ 100$. and order him to reimburse himself on $M$ : of Madrid, according to the given Course of Exchange ; and let L. of London also remit the Value to M. of Madrid, by which he will gain £4. 15 s . 3d.

Thus $£ 100$. at $68 \mathrm{~d} . \notin$ Milree $=359$ Mil. 941 Rees, which at 525 Rees $\nVdash$ Piastre $=672$ Piastres, 2 Rials, 5 Maravedies, and at $34 \mathrm{~d} . \not \mathbb{O}^{\prime}$ Piastre $=£ 95.4 \mathrm{~s}$. ${ }^{\text {ad }}$.

Hence L. of London obtains for his Bill on O. of Oporto $£ 100$. for which he remits to $M$. of Madrid, £95. 4s. 9d. for his Reimbursement, and therefore gains $£ 4.15 \mathrm{~s} .3 \mathrm{~d}$.

Or the Gain might be thus found :

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\text { If } 595: 500:: 100: £ 95.4 \text { s. } 9 \mathrm{~d} .
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But were the advised Price 480 Rees for 1 Piastre, then L. of London should draw on $M$. of Madvid, and remit to $O$. of Oporto, by which he would gain £4.-For,

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\text { If } 500: 480:: 100: 96
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Or thus :-If 34 Pence : 1 Piastre :: $£ 100: 705$ Pias. 7 Rials. 2 Marav. which at 480 Rees $\psi^{\prime}$ Piastre $=338$ Mil. 826 Rees, and this, at 68 d . \$ Mil. $=£ 96$. Sterling. livirnitatis reemb if yom

Suppose London has to remit to Hamburgh ; the Exchange is 32. 6. but Bills on Lisbon can be purchased in London at $67 \frac{\pi}{2}$ Pence $\nless$ Milree, and, by the latest advice, the Exchange from Hamburgh to Lisbon is 46 d . Flemish $\psi^{\prime}$ Crusado:-Which is the most advantageous, to remit directly to Hamburgh, or indirectly through Lisbon.

The most simple method of solving Questions of this nature is, to find what the Pound Sterling will bring by direct and by indirect' Exchange, and then compare the results. -Thus, If 400 Rees : 46 Pence Flem. :: 1000 Rees : 115 Pence Flem.

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& 32 \text { Direct Exchange: }
\end{aligned}
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1s. 7d. Gain $\Psi^{\prime}$ Pound.
Hence the Indirect is about $4 \frac{7}{8}$ Cent: better than the Direct. -For, if 32s. 6d. Flems: 1s. 7d. : $\{100: £ 417$ う.

Suppose L. of London has Orders from $P$. of Paris to remit to him at 23 Livres 12 Sous, and to draw for the Amount on $A$, of Leghorn, at the Exchange of 53d. ऍDollar ; but $L$. finds the Exchange of London on Paris is 24 Livres.-At what Exchange should he draw on Leghorn to fulfil the Order?


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& 24) 1200,8\left(52 \frac{1}{8}\right. \text { nearly. } \\
& \frac{120}{50, ~ \& c . ~}
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10 The above Question is evidently Inverse Proportion: for as London gives Paris the Certain, and Leghorn the Uncertain, it is the Interest of London that the Price of her Pound should be high, and the Price of the Dollar low.-Here more requires less, and less more; that is, the more Livres are given for the Pound Sterling, the less should be the Price of the Dollar, to pre- . serve the due proportion. Thus, Inverse and Direct Proportion may be always distinguished in Simple Arbitration.

## COMPOUND ARBITRATION.

Compound Arbitration discovers the most advantageous mode of negociating Bills in all cases where more than three places are concerned, and is only a continuation of several Statings in Simple Arbitration. This Rule may be also performed by Conjoint Proportion; that is, by a Series of Proportions, arranged into Antecedents and Consequents, commonly called the Chain Rule.

## EXAMPLES.

Suppose the Exchange between London and Amsterdam be 11 Flor. 10 Stiv. ( $=58$ s. Flemish) for £1. Sterling; between Amsterdam and Franckfort 6s. Flemish for 65 Creutzers; and between Francfort and Paris, 56 Creutzers for 3 Francs; -What is the Arbitrated Exchange between London and Paris?

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\begin{aligned}
& \text { Operations like the above may be thus contracted by the }
\end{aligned}
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## CHAIN RULE.

I. Distinguish the several Courses of Exchange into Antecedents and Consequents, and place them in two Columns, the Antecedents to the left, and the Consequents to the right.
II. The first Antecedent and the last Consequent to which an Antecedent is required, must be of the same Denomination.
III. The first Consequent must be of the same Denomination as the second Antecedent, and the second Consequent as the third Antecedent, and so on throughout.
IV. Mulltiply the Antecedents continually for a Divisor, and the Consequents continually for a Dividend ; the Quotient will be the Answer or Antecedent required.

Such Antecedents and Consequents as are alike may be dropped or rejected, and such as admit of a common measure may be reduced to the lowest terms, like Vulgar Fractions*.

The foregoing Question performed by the Chain Rule.
syam i I ANTECEDENTS. CONSEQUENTS. 1 Pound Sterling $=38$ Shillings Flem. 6 Shillings Flem. $=65$ Creutzers.
56 Creutzers $=3$ Francs.

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\frac{38 \times 65 \times 3}{1 \times 6 \times 56}=\frac{7410}{330}=22 \text { Francs } 5 \text { Cents. }
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Suppose Amsterdam has to remit to London $£ 100$. Flemish, the Direct Exchange being 11 Florins 1 Stiver $\oiint^{\prime} £$. Sterling; but a Circular Exchange may be made on the following terms.-Am-

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* Operations in Compnund Arbitration may be likewise facilitated by Logarithms.
-Thus, from the Sum of the Logarithms of the Consequents, subtract the Sum of the Logarithms of the Antecedents; the difference will be the Logarithm of the Answer.

Any operation in this Rule may be proved by what is called the Dotirine of Cone traries, that is, by beginning with the last Consequent and ending with the first Antecedent; and making all the other Consequents Antecedents, and the Antecedents Consequents.

The Truth of the Chain Rule may be thus demonstrated by Algebra.
Let $A, B, C, D, \& c$ he several Denominations of Money, and $m, n, p, q, \& c$. the Numbers or Quantities of those Denominations, and let them stand thus :

ANTECEDENTS. CONSEQUENTS.


Now to find what number of the last Denomination $(E)$ is equal to a given Number of the first Denomination ( $A$ ) let $z$ times the last Term $=y$ times the first, that is, let $z E=y A$.

Multiply all these Equations together, the Antecedents by the Antecedents, and the Consequents by the Consequents, which will give $m A \times p B \times r C \times t D \times x E$ $=n B \times q C \times s D \times v E \times y A$, and this Equation reduced is $m p r t z=n q s v y$.
Now if the Number of the last Denomination be required, $z=\frac{n q s v y}{m p r t}$; but if the Number of the first Denmmination be required, $y=\frac{m p+t \approx}{n q s v} 2, E, D$.
sterdam to Paris at 56d. Flemish for 3 Francs; Paris to Venice 300 Francs for 60 Ducats; Venice to Hamburgh 1 Ducat for 100d. Flemish; Hamburgh to Lisbon, 50 d. Flemish $₹$ Crusado; and Lisbon to London 64 d . Sterling $\not \subset$ Milree:- Which is most advantageous, the Direct or Circular Exchange, and what is the difference $\varnothing^{\prime}$ Cent. ?

|  | 1 Ducat , . |
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## Gain $\Psi^{\prime}$ Cent.

11s. $23^{\frac{5}{6}}$ by Circular Ex.
When Brokerage, Commission, \&c. are charged in Circular Exchanges, these Expences should bededucted from each Consequent, and the Question worked as before. Suppose in the foregoing Problem $\frac{T_{2}^{2}}{2} \Phi^{0}$ Cent. were charged, say, If $100:, 5:: 1:, 005$, which is the common Factor to be multiplied by each Consequent, and the Product subtracted.-Thus, $3 \times, 005=, 015$, and $3-, 015=$ $2,985=$ the first Consequent, and in the same manner the rest may be found.-Or, deduct from each Consequent its 200th part.

## QUESTIONS FOR EXERCISE

## IN DIRECT AND CIRCULAR EXCHANGES.

If the Exchange from London to Hamburgh be 33s. 3d. Flemish $\mathcal{Q}^{\mathcal{E}}$. Sterling, and from London to Paris 23 Livres 15 Sous - $\notin \mathcal{E}$. Sterling, How many Francs and Cents are equal to 100 3 Marks ?- Answer. 188 Francs' 12 Cents.
If the Exchange in Hamburgh on London, at 2 Usance, be 33,What should it be at Sight, reckoning $1 母^{\circ}$ Cent. for the Time; Answer. 33s. $3 \frac{3}{4} \mathrm{~d}$.

If the Exchange from Paris to Madrid be 14 Francs 50 Cents. for 1 Pistole, and from Paris to London 23 Francs 95 Cents, $\nsim$ £. Sterling, What is the Arbitrated Price between Madrid and London, that is how many Pence Sterling should be given for 1 Piastre ? - Answer. $36 \frac{1}{4}$ d, or 36.32 .
Suppose the Course of Exchange between Amsterdam and Paris be. 55 Groots for'3 Francs, and between London and Amsterdam, 10 Florins 15 Stivers for 1 Pound Sterling,-What is the Arbitrated Price between London and Paris.-Answer. 23 Francs 45 Cents.
If the Exchange from France to Hàmburgh be $191 \frac{3}{8}$ Francs for 100 Marks Banco, - What is the Exchange from Hamburgh to to France-that is, how many Shillings Hambro' Banco should be given for 3 Francs? - A Ans. 25 Shil. 1 Phen.
Hamburgh has to remit to London, the Exchange direct is 32 Shillings and 1d. Flemish, but Hamburgh can purchase Bills on Amsterdan at ' $37 \frac{0}{16}$ Stivers for 2 Maris Banco. Now, if the Exchange from Londen to Amsterdam be 35s. 8d. Flèmish $\dot{q}^{\prime} £$. Sterling,-Wl.ich is the most advantageous, for Hamburgh to remit to London direct, or by the way of Amsterdam ? - Answer. Hamburgh, by remitting through Amsterdam gives only 30s. $4 \frac{1}{2} \mathrm{~d}$. Flemish for the Pound Sterling, which is Is. $8 \frac{1}{2} \mathrm{~d}$. Flemish better than by the Direct Exchange. The advantage of the Indirect, therefore, is about $5 \frac{z^{2}}{} \psi^{\circ}$ Cent.
Suppose Hamburgh has to remit to London £1757. 15s. Flem. Exchange at 35 s. 6 d . Flem. \& £. Sterling, but Bills on other Places can be had on the following terms.-Hamburgh on Paris, 54d. for 3 Francs; Paris on Venice, 300 Francs for 56 Ducats; Venice on Amsterdam, 1 Ducat for 100d. Flemish; Amsterdam on Lisbon, 45d. Flemish, for 1 Crusado; Lisbon on London, 1 Milree for 63d. Sterl. - Which is the more advantageous, the direct Exchange or Circular, allowing: $\frac{1}{2}$. Hen $^{\prime}$ Cent. Commission on each Negociation?---Answer. \& 10. $5 \mathrm{~s} .0 \frac{1}{2} \mathrm{~d}$. Sterling gained by the Circular Exchange.

## REMITTANCES AND RETURNS



Tue reciprocal Courses of Exchange between two places should always differ, and the Difference should be equivalent to the Interest of Money and the Expences of Remittance. Thus the Course of Exchange of London on Dublin should be $1 \Psi^{\prime}$ Cent. more than that of Dublin on London, to afford the Remitter from either place a regular Profiton his Remittances and Returns, on Bills at the usual Date.
1 Suppose, for Example, L. of London purchases a Bill on Dubhin, at $21 \mathrm{~d} \mid \mathrm{s}$, of $£ 112$. Irish for $£ 100$. English, whieh he remits to his Factor at Dublin, desiring him to make returns in Bills on London at $21 \mathrm{~d} \mid \mathrm{s}$; and suppose a Bill of $£ 100$. English is remitted back to $L$. which costs only $£ 111$. Irish, there is $£ 1$. Irish $\not \&$ Cent. gained by the Transaction; and the same would take place, had the Remittance been first made from Dublin on the above Terms,
${ }^{3}$ Now to compute how much the difference here ought to be, the Interest of 56 days must be reckoned, (the usual time such Bills take in making returns) and this, with Brokerage, Postage, \&c. will amount to 1 Cent. nearly, which is reckoned a Fair Difference in the Exchange between London and Dublin, on Bills of the above Date.

It may however be observed, that the Difference is not always equivalent to the Interest, \&c. but fluctuates according to the Demand for Bills ; affording, sometimes, room for speculation, and co-operating with the causes already laid down to render the Exchange favourable, or unfavourable.

The following is an Example of a Bill sent from London to Hamburgh, September 1801, to have returns on London.

| £842. 2s. 1d. Sterling on Hamburgh, at 3 Us. $a$ 31s. 8d. Flem. §. Sterling $^{\prime}$ $\qquad$ 10,000 |  |
| :---: | :---: |
| Commission $\frac{1}{2} 母^{\prime}$ Cent. . . . . . .-. - .-. . . . . . . 50 |  |
| Double Brokerage 2 ¢ Thousand. . . . . . - - - 20 |  |
|  |  |
| Discount 82 days $a 5$ ¢ Cent.*........... 112 |  |
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| W0) - \% |  |
| 20) Net Proceeds in Banco Marks | $9814 \quad 8$ |
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| $£ 50000$ Sterl. a 3 Us. on A. B. a 30s. $10 \frac{1}{2} \mathrm{~d} .{ }^{\text {a }}$ - 5789 1, |  |
| 200 0-0 a 2 Us. on C. D. a 30s. 11 d . | 231812 |
| $14616 \quad 4 \quad a \quad 2$ Us. on E. F. a 31s...... | 1706 11 |
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$£ 4143$ Gain, which is not quite equivalent to the Discount and Postage of the Returns; but had the Course of Hamburgh on London been 30s. 9d. it would have produced the regular profit. Thus 10d. Flemish $\nsubseteq$. Sterling may be reekoned a Fuir Difference between Hamburgh and London on Bills at Usance.

In Exchanges between two places, the Denominations of Money are not always reciprocal'; thus Paris gives Madrid a variable number of Francs for the Pistole, and Madrid gives Paris the Piastre for a variable number of Sous; this will be better understood by perusing the following Lists of Foreign Exchanges.

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# EXPLANATION 

or

## FOREIGN LISTS

of

## TIIE COURSES OF EXCHANGE.

AUGUST, 1804*.


[^27]By inspecting Foreign Lists of Exchange, and comparing the actual and arbitrated prices, considerable profits are sometimes made, as in the following example.

## ARbitration exemplified by a real operation.

In March 1802, Exchanges were as follows; London on Amsterdam 10 16, London on Cadiz 57, and Cadiz on Amsterdam 107; whereupon London purchased 10000 Piastres, and remitted thiem to Cadiz, to have returns in Bills on Amsterdam, but when the Remittance reached Cadiz, the Exchange had come down to 104 .

London also drew on Amsterdam for the Amount of the Remittance, at Usance, and the Operation stood thus.

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\begin{aligned}
& 10000 \text { Pie Fl. Curr. St. } \\
& 10000 \text { Piastres at } 37 \text { d. } \nsubseteq \text { Piastre } £ 1541 \text {. 13s. } 4 \mathrm{~d} .
\end{aligned}
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Hence the Gain was about $6 \ngtr$ Cent. for 2 Months; and had thePiastres been negociated at 107, the Gain would have been about$10 \not \&$ Cent. for the above time.

The Rules for drawing and remitting upon such occasions have been already explained, and may be thus exemplifierl.

If 272 Marav. (1 Piastre) : 37d. : : 375 Marav. (1 Ducat): 5Id. Then to find the arbitrated price between Cadiz and Amsterdam. If $\mathscr{\& 1}$. Sterl. : 10 F. 16 St. : : 51d. Sterl. : $91 \frac{4}{5} \mathrm{~d}$. Flem. but Amsterdam gave 104 d . instead of $-91 \frac{4}{5} \mathrm{~d}$. the arbitrated price; hence the Exchange was against Amsterdam, and therefore (according to the Rules, page 201 ! London drew upon the place where the Exchange was below the arbitrated price, and remitted to the place where the Exchange was above the arbitrated price.

## EXCHANGE ACCOUNTS,

## IIOW RECORDED IN BOOK-KEEPING.

When a Merchant and his Agent or Factor reside in countries where different Currencies are used, the Factor keeps his Employers Accounts in the Currency of his own country; and the Employer, that their Books may agree, keeps the same Accounts in the same Currency : but he also allots an adjoining columu in his Ledger for the corresponding Value in his own Money, by which he ascertains what Profits or Losses may arise from the fluctuation of Exchange.

In order to explain such an Exchange Account, the following Example has been selected from the Ledger of a London Merchant, who (as appears by the statement) remitted Bills to his Factor at Hamburgh, and drew upon him for his reimbursement, or returns; he therefore debits his Factor for the Remittances, and credits him for the Drafts; the different amounts are first entered in the inner columns in Banco Marks-and then in the outer columns in Sterling according to the rate of Exchange at which they were negociated - and hence arises the Profit or Loss; thus, if the Merchant buys the Bills which he remits at a cheaper rate of Exchange than he sells the Drafts which he draws on his Fac. tor, there is a Gain; but if otherwise a Loss. On the same principle, if he had paid Debts which he owed, or received Debts due to him at a more advantageous rate of Exchange than those Debts were contracted for, there would have been a Gain, but a Loss if the contrary.

An Exchange Account is balanced by first comparing the inner columns: when they are equal, there is nothing due from one party to the other; and the difference between the outer columns is Profit and Loss: but if the inner columns be unequal, the Balance is what one party owes to the other, whick
must be carried to the outer column at the current rate of Exchange, and then the difference between the outer columns is the Profit or Loss.

The letters m | A (My Account) as in the following Example, have been already explained (p. 180). The Factor, in stating the same transactions, annexes to his Employer's name in | a (His Account) and their Ledgers are reversed with respect to the Dr. and Cr . sides.-Thus the Factor, in his account of the following transaction, debits his Employer for the Drafts or Bills drawn on him, and credits him, for the Remittances which he receives; and, as all the Bills were drawn in Marks (the Money of the place where they were to be paid) the Factor has no concern with any other Money, therefore he debits his Employer for Commission, Brokerage, Discount, and Postage, in Marks, for which his Employer also credits him, and values those Marks at the current rate of Exchange when the Account is balanced.

There are other kinds of Exchange Accounts kept between Cambists or Dealers in Exchange, who reside in different countries, and who agree to transact'each other's Business Commission free, and divide the Gains or Losses. Such A ccounts like all other Partnership concerns, require Interest Calculations, according as one party may be in advance for the other: this is the case when Bills remitted are at a long Date, and Drafts at a short one, or the contrary; but it frequently happens that one party may be in advance for sums which have not been received by the other party, who is therefore only answerable for the advances in his possession, and the Interests of the remainder should be paid out of the general Profits.

Exchange Accounts are kept by Agents, and their Employers, in the following manner; and when they are right, the Dr. side of one Account is equal to the Cr. of the other, and the inner columns of one to the outer columns of the other, and vice versa.


## A SHORT

## EXPLANATION

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## COMMERCIAL TERMS.

Abandonment, the act of relinquishing or giving up goods to Creditors or Underwriters, either in lieu of a debt, or to avoid the payment of charges.

Abatement, a deduction from a debt or contract.
Acceptance, the act of accepting a bill, which makes the Acceptor or Drawee liable to pay it when due. See page 182 .

Accommodation, a term applied to the acceptance of a bill, when the Drawee only lends his name; and the Drawer engages to furnish him with the means of payment before the bill becomes due.

Account Current, see page 171 í.
Account Sales, see page 81.
Acquittance, a discharge, in writing, for a sum of money, acknowledging it to have been paid.

Administrator, a person who is allowed to administer in the ecclesiastical court, by which he takes charge of the personal effects of one who dies intestate.

Agent, a person duly authorised to act for another.
Agio, a premium given for bank money in preference to currency.

Allowance, a customary deduction in weights and measures; such as Tare, Trett, Draft, Cloff, Ullage, \&c.

Annuity, an annual sum paid or received.
Annuities, see Stocks.
Arbitration, a mode of settling a dispute, by referring the question to the decision of one person or more, without any ap. peal to law.

Arbitration of Exchanges, see page 198.
Assurance, see Insurance.
Assignee, a person appointed to manage the affairs of a Bankrupt.

Attachment, the act by which a Creditor may claim and seize the goods of his Debtor, in whatever hands he finds them.

Average, a contribution made for losses at sea. See page 174.
Balance, the difference between the Debtor and Creditor sides of an account.

Balance of Trade, the difference between the commercial exports and imports of one country with respect to another.

Bale, or Bag, an uncertain quantity of packed goods.
Bailage, or Ballage, a small duty paid to the city of London, for certain goods when exported.

Bailement, the delivery of goods into trust, on condition that they shall be returned when the terms of the agreement are fulfilled.

Ballast, or Kentillage, any heavy matter placed in the hold of a ship to make her sink to a proper depth, so that she may carry sufficient sail without the danger of oversetting.

Bank, a public office for keeping and circulating money.
Bank Note, a note issued from a bank payable on demand.
BANKER, a proprietor of a bank or banking house.
Bankrupt, a person in trade who cannot make good his payments, and who has, therefore, a commission of bankruptcy taken out against him.

Barratry, a fraud committed by the Master or crew of a ship on the Owners or Insurers; such as sinking, deserting, or taking away the ship, or embezzling the cargo.

Barter, the exchanging or trucking of one commodity for another.

Bile, a term generally applied to a draft, advertisement, or account.

Bank Bill, a note signed by one of the Cashiers of the bank, promising to pay a certain sum of money at an appointed tinue.

Bill of Entry, a note of the particulars of goods entered at the custom house.

Bill of Exchange, a written order for the payment of money. See page 181.

- Bills of Exchequer, securities issued by government, which bear interest until paid off. They are mostly for $£ 100$ each; bearing interest of 3 d . per day; and some are for $£ 1000$; but these bear interest of $3 \frac{1}{2} \mathrm{~d}$. per day for every $£ 100$.

Bill of Heálth, an account of the health of a crew, given by the Captain or Master of a vessel.

Bills, India, bills drawn in India on the East India company in London, and payable at the India house.

Bills of Lading, papers signed by the Master of a ship, acknowledging the receipt of certain goods on board his vessel, and promising to deliver them at the intended place. It is customary to make out three bills of lading, one to be left with the Shipper, the second to be held by the Captain of, the ship, and the third to be sent to the Person to whom the gaods are consigned, by which he can claim them on their arrival.

Bills, Navy, bills issued by the navy board in payment of stores for the ships, dock yards, \&c. They are made payable at 90 days, with an interest of $3 \frac{1}{2}$ d. per day on each $£ 100$.

Bill of Parcels, an account given by the Seller to the Buyer, containing the particulars of the goods bought.

Bill of Sale, a deed by which a right or interest in certain goods is transferred.

Bill or Store, a licence granted at the custom house to Merchants, allowing them to carry, custom free, all provisions and stores necessary for their voyage.

Bill of Sufferance, a licence granted to a Merchant at the custom house, allowing him to trade from one port to another, without paying custom.

Bills, Victualling, bills issued by the victualling board, like navy bills by the navy board.

Bond, a deed or obligation by which a person binds himself, or his heirs, to pay a certain sum of money at an appointed time.

Bonds, India, bonds issued by the East India company of $£ 50$ and $£ 100$ each, bearing interest of 5 per cent. per annum, which interest is paid at the India house.

Bond, post Obit, a bond payable after the death of the person whose name is therein specified.

Book of Cargo or Loading, is a book liept by the Mate of a trading vessel, containing a particular account of the goods on board.

Воок, of Rates, a book shewing the duty to be paid at the custom house for goods exported or imported.

Bottomer, is a contract or loan on a ship in the nature of a mortgage; but it differs from other loans and mortgages, inasmuch as the rate of interest is higher, and the security more precarious; for if the ship be lost, neither loan nor interest can be demanded.

Bounty, is a premium given for the encouragement of some branch of trade, manufacture, or agriculture.

Brokers, persons appointed to transact business between Merchants and others; thus, there are Ship Brokers, Insurance Brokers, Exchange Brokers, Stock Brokers, \&c.

Cambist, a dealer in bills of exchange, or a person skilled in the business of exchanges.

Capital, the amount of any sum or stock.
Certificate, a paper certifying any thing.
Charter, is a written evidence of some grant, or privilege.
Charter Party, a contract executed between the person who hires a ship and the owner, setting forth the terms, \&c. A ship is said to be chartered, when hired for a voyage.

Chattels, all kinds of goods and property.
Chevisance, a composition between Debtor and Creditor.
Circulating Medium, cash, bank notes or other paper money payable on demand.

Cloff, an allowance in the weight of goods after deducting. the tare and tret; it is generally 2 lb . for every 3 cwt.

Cocket, a custom house warrant given on the entry of goods, to shew that they have paid the duty.

Commerce, traffic between different countries, or mercantile business in general.

Commission, a per-centage given to Agents, or Factors, for transacting the business of others.

Commission of Bankruptcy, an order under the great seal, directing five or more Commissioners to enquire into the affairs of a Bankrupt.

Company, a society or partnership in trade or commerce.
Composition, part of a debt taken in lieu of the whole.
Compromise, settling a difference, in which some concessions are made on both sides.

Contraband Trade, that which is prohibited by law.
Contingent, the proportion that falls to the share of a person concerned in any business or adventure.

Contribution, see Average.
Convor, ships of war sailing with other ships, in order to protect them.

Co-partnership, is when two, or more persons unite in trade, and agree to participate in the profits or losses, according to their respective shares in the capital.

Countervalling Duties, equal duties established between two countries, and charged on the exportation and importation of the same kind of goods.

Cranage, money paid for the use of a crane to draw up goods, \&c.

Currency, the money in circulation as distinguished from bank paper. In America, however, and some parts of the West Indies, the paper in circulation is called currency.

Custom, a tribute, or tax, paid for goods exported or imported.
Custom House, the place where entries are made of goods exported or imported, and the duties paid.

Days of Grace, a certain number of days allowed for the payment of a bill, after the written term is expired. See p. 185.

Debenture, a certificate given at the custom house, when the Exporter of goods conforms to the proper regulations, by which certificate he becomes entitled to receive a bounty or drawback.

Demurrage, an allowance made to the Master of a ship for being detained in port longer than the time agreed upon.

Deviation, a departure, without reasonable cause, from the regular course of a voyage insured, which deviation annuls the contract of insurance.

Discount, an allowance made for prompt payment.
Dividend, a share of any profit, debt, or capital; also, the interest in the stocks.

Docket, a short memorandum or summary affixed to larger papers. Striking a docket, is when a Creditor gives bond to the Lord Chancellor, proving his Debtor to be a Bankrupt.

Dover, a small duty paid by ships on passing the straits of Dover.

Draft, a bill or check by which one person draws for money on another. Also an allowance deducted from the original weight of goods.

Drawback, an allowance of premium for the exportation of goods. See Debenture.

Duty, a tax on merchandize. See Custom.
Earnest, money advanced to bind parties to the performance of a verbal agreement.

Embargo, the stopping of ships by order of government.
Emporium, a principal place for merchandize, a mart, a staple.

Entrapot, a public magazine appointed in most foreign countries for the reception of merchandize imported.

Excambium, an exchange where merchants meet.
Exchange, see page 181.
Exchequer, the court to which all revenues belonging to the crown are brought. See bills of exchequer.

Excise, an inland tax levied upon various commodities.
Factopr, a Merchant's Agent or Correspondent in some distant part.

Factorage, the allowance, commission, or wages, given by a Merchant to his Agent.

Factory, a commercial establishment in a foreign country, where Factors, Merchants, and Traders carry on business with the Natives of the place.

Finances, a term generally applied to the public revenues.
Firm, the title or signature of a mercantile house or company.
Forestalling, is the buying of goods, \&c. before they come to market, with a design to raise the price.

Freight, the goods which a ship carries; also the money paid for carrying them.

Fund, a stock or capital : that by which any expence is supported.

Funds, Pubilic, see Stocks.
Garble, the dust, dross, and refuse of spices and drugs.
Garbling, picking out the worst of any commodity.
Gavger, a person appointed to gauge or ascertain the contents of any excisable commodity.

Gazette, a paper published by government, containing, among other things, notices of the dissolution of partnerships, commissions of bankruptcy, suspension or continuance of bounties, embargoes, \&c.

Gross Weight, the whole weight of goods, including chests or bags, dust, dross, \&c.

Gross, tivelve dozen.
Groundage, a small duty payable in certain ports by ships coming to anchor.

Guild, a company or society of men incorporated.
Impost, a duty on goods imported.
Indorsement, see page 181.
Instalments, payments of a sum of money in certain proportions and at stipulated times.

Insurance, or Assurance, a contract of indemnity, by which one party engages, for a stipulated sum, to insure another party against a risk to which he is exposed. The party who takes upon him the risk is called the Insurer, Assurer, or Underwriter, and the party protected by the insurance is called the Insured, or Assured; the sum paid is called the premium, and the paper or parchment, containing the contract, is called the policy.

Ingrossinc, buying up large quantities of corn or other provisions, with a view to raise their price, and to sell them again.

Invoice, see page 64.
Interest, is a premium paid for the use or loan of money.
Inventory, a schedule, account, or catalogue of effects.
Key, Kay, or Quay, a lawful wharf for the landing of goods.
Keyage, or Wharfage, a toll paid for loading or unloading goods at a key or wharf.

Land Waiter, or Searcher, a custoin house officer, whose duty it is to take account of goods imported.

Lastage, the ballast or lading of a ship; the word is sometimes used for garbage, rubbish, \&c.

Leakage, an allowance made at the custom house, for waste, loss, or leakage of liquors.

Letter of Advice, a letter giving notice of any transaction.
Letter of Attorney, or Power of Attorney; a writing, which impowers one person to act for another.

Letter of Credit, a letter by which one person can receive money on the credit of another.

Letter Patent, a privilege granted to an Inventor to enable him, exclusively, to enjoy the advantages of his invention for a certain term of years.

Letters of Maroue, are commissions granted to Captains of ships and others, in time of war, to make reprisals on the ships of the enemy.

Licence, a privilege from government for carrying on a trade or business, on which a certain duty is laid.

Liev, a claim, or attachment on any property which a person has in his possession, for a debt due to him from the owner of the property.

Lighterage, money paid for carrying goods to and from a ship in a boat or lighter.

Liquidation, the concluding or winding up of a business, such as paying and receiving all debts, \&c.

Loan, a thing lent; a'sum lent to government, which makes part of the national debt.

Manifest, a paper containing the particulars of a ship and cargo, which paper must be signed by the Master of the.vessel, before any of the goods can be landed.

Manufacture, a commodity produced by labour or machinery from any raw material.

Mart, a great market, fair, staple, or other place of public traffic.

Maximum, the highest price of any article, as fixed by some law or regulation.

Merchant, a person who deals or traffics in a large way on his own account.

Mortgage, a pawn of lands, houses, or goods, given as a security for money borrowed. The Borrower is called the Mortgager, and the Lender the Mortgagee.

Mulcts, fines laid on ships or goods, for the maintenance of Consuls, garrisons, \&c.

Neat, or Net Weight, the weight of any commodity alone, without the cask, bag, dross, \&c.

Net Proceeds, the amount or sum which goods produce after every necessary deduction is made.

Nonclaim, is where a Creditor neglects to make his claim within a proper time, in which case he cannot enforce his demand.

Note, an order in writing for money; also a security for money.
Notary Public, a person duly appointed to attest deeds. and other writings; also to note and protest bills of exchange, or other drafts or notes, when refused, or returned.

Noting, is the act of a Notary when a bill is not duly honoured.

Omnium, see Stocks.
Ordnance Debentures, bills issued by the board of ordnance, for the payment of stores, \&c. purchased for that department.

Packer, a person who carries on the business of packing goods.
Par, of exchange, see p. 183.
Part Owners, are persons possessed of certain shares of ships.
Permit, a licence or warrant for the passing or selling of goods, which have paid duty or excise.

Pierage, money paid for the use of a pier.
Pilotage, money paid for piloting a ship.
Portage, money paid for Sailors wages while in port.
Primage, a certain allowance to the Captain and Mariners.
Protest, a paper made out by a Notary Public, declaring a bill to have been refused.

Quarantine, the time that a ship suspected of infection is obliged to keep from all intercourse of commerce; also certain duties imposed on ships for the purposes of quarantine.

Quest-men, persons appointed to enquire into abuses, especially such as relate to weights and measures.
Receipt, a written acknowledgment of having received a sum of money,

Regrating, buying and selling, in the same market, corn or any other article of provision.

Respondentia, is a bond and contract by which money is borrowed on the security of goods, the same as in bottomry on the security of a ship.

Restitution, is that when any money has been paid wrongfully or by mistake, the person so paying has a right to demand it back.

Salvage, an allowance made for saving ships or goods from danger of seas, enemies, \&c.

Sea-worthy, is when a ship is, in every respect, fitted for the destined voyage.

Sтоск, a fund raised by a commercial company, a principal sum or property employed in trade; Stock, in book-keeping, denotes the Owner or Owners of the books.
Stocks, or Public Funds, are the debts of government, for which interest is paid from revenues set apart for the purpose. The mode of raising supplies for the state by borrowing money from individuals or public bodies, and levying taxes for the payment of the interest, is called the Funding System; and the loans thus raised constitute the National Debt.

The debts of government differ from other contracts, inasmuch as the public Creditor or Stock-holder can only cláim his interest; he may, however, sell his stock ; that is, he may transfer lis claim to any other person, and thus obtain his capital, more or less, according to the price of stock, which fluctuates from a variety of causes.
Loans are sometimes raised on annuities for a limited time, and such are called Terminable Annuities and Irredeemable: but the general practice is to raise loans on interest, and these are called Perpetual Annuities, and also Redeemable ; because governinent has the option of paying off the principal, whenever it is at par.

The different funds are further distinguished according to the terms on which they were established; thus, some are called the Three per Cents, some the lour per Cents, and some the Five per Cents; and the manner of buying stock is to give a specific sum for a nominal one; if, for example, the price of the Three per Cents. be $£ 60$, it is paying this sum for $£ 100$ stock, which yields a dividend of $£ 3$ a year, and which is five $\not \subset$ cent. $\oiint$ annum interest. The same interest accrues in the Four per Cents, when at 80, and in the Five per Cents. at 100. It may, however, bé observed, that the interest in the different funds is not always equal ; the time of paying the dividends makes a difference,' and a preference is likewise given to that stock which is most marketable, and the least liable to be redeemed by government.

New loans are generally paid in by instalments of 10 or 15 cent. at stated periods,' and they generally comprehend different kinds of stock, which, together, are called Omnium. If these be disposed of separately before the instalments are paid, the different articles are denominated Scrip. The Omnium fluctuates like other stocks, that is, the original terms are sometimes at a premium, and sometimes at a discount.

Loans are called a Funded Debt, when taxes are appropriated for paying the interest; but sums raised by government, for which no such provision is made, are called the Unfunded Debt: of the latter description are Exchequer, Navy, Victualling, and Ordnance Bills.

The word stock is likewise applied to the capitals of the Bank of England, and of the East India and South Sea Companies, \&c. These stocks are transferable like government funds, but the dividends vary according to the success of the respective companies.

Subsidy, an aid or tribute granted to the King by a tax on goods, lands, \&c.

Tally, a cleft piece of wood to score any account upon. Tallies are used by the Officers of the exchequer, who keep one of the clefts in the office, and give the other to such persons as pay in money upon loan.

TARIFF, an account of the rates of duties imposed on merchandize.

Tellers, Officers or Clerks in public offices who receive and pay money.

Tides Men; or Tide Waiters, Officers appointed to attend the loading and unloading of ships, in order to prevent contraband trade.

Tonnage, certain duties imposed on goods. This term is also applied to the burden or number of tons carried by a ship.

Tontine, a loan raised on life annuities, with the benefit of survivorship. Thus, an annuity after a certain rate of interest is granted to a number of subscribers, who are divided into classes according to their ages; and, annually, the whole fund of each class is shared among its Survivors, till at last it falls to one ; and, on his death, it reverts to the power that first established the tontine. The term is derived from the name of the Inventor.

Tunnage, an impost of so much $\& f$ tun on liquors imported or exported.

Ullage, what a cask of liquor wants of being quite full.
Umpire, a person appointed to settle a dispute or difference when the arbitrators cannot agree.

Underwriter, a person who insures ships, cargoes, or other risks, which is performed by writing his name under a policy of insurance.

Usance, the usual term of a bill of exchange. See page 182.
-UsUry, a charge of interest beyond what is allowed by law. See note page 208.
Warehouse, a house where goods are deposited or kept.
Warehouse Goods, or Bonded Goods, are certain articles, which, on being landed, are warehoused upon bond being given by the Owner for the payment of duties, \&c.
Wharfage, money paid for the use of a wharf.

## DIRECIIONS

## YOUNG CLERKS IN BANKING HOUSES,

## AND IN OTHER DEPARTMENTS OF BUSINES8.

## BANKS.

AS Banks are justly considered the great chain and support of modern commerce, a knowledge of their principles and operations must be useful to every man in business. - They are distinguished into public and private.

Public Banks are established by a number of monied men, who, being duly incorporated by law, deposit a considerable fund for the purposes of their society; and Private Banks are such as are established by persons not incorporated, who conduct the business on their own capital and credit. Private Banks are further distinguished into London Banliing Houses and Country Bants.

## LONDON BANKING HOUSES.

A London Banking House is an office where several persons keep cash for the sake of security, and other motives of convenience. The advantages arising to the banker chiefly consist in laying out part of the Money so placed in his hands, in good and beneficial securities, such as in the stocks, or other government paper; and in discounting bills, by which the most essential support is rendered to trade and commerce. In addition to pecuniary aid, bankers afford great assistance to merchants in undertaking the management of their bills, and in executing othet payments and receipts, by which the labnur of counting houses is considerably diminished. This important branch of business is performed without any charge, and with the most rigorous exactness:

When an account is opened with a banking house; that is, when a person pays in money to draw it out as his occasions require, he is furnished with a small book, called The Customer's

Book, which is kept like a cash book:- Thus, on the left-hand page, the house is debited for what he pays in; and, on the opposite page, the house is credited for what he draws out. - When he pays in bills, they are entered short; and, when received, they are carried out into the cash column; but if he should discount them, they are immediately entered as cash, and the interest is charged on the other side. It should be observed, that the customer never writes in his own book; but what he pays in is entered in it by the banker or his clerk, which serves as a receipt:-and when he wishes to know the state of his account, he leaves his book to be written up or settled.

The Books generally used in a banking house, are, the Money Book, in which the cashier enters his receipts and payments of money-the Waste Book, in which both money and paper received and paid are particularly specified. In some houses, however, a book is used for paper only, called the Goldsmith's Book. The Cash Book follows, and contains all the sums bath of money and paper paid and received.-From this book the Ledger is posted, in which each customer is debited for the, sums which he has drawn out, and credited for those that he has paid in. The Customer's Book is written up from the cancelled drafts, and checked by the Ledger account, which should be in substance the same, only reversed, with respect to the Dr. and Cr. sides.

There are also, in banking houses, the In Bill Book, for the particulars of bills paid in by the customers- the Out Bill Book, for bills sent out for acceptance or payment-the. Check Bill Book, for bills to be brought together, that become due on the same day-and the Discount Bill Book, for all bills discounted. A Discount Ledger is likewise kept, which shews the state of every discount operation.

The books of a banker are well adapted for proving and checking each other; and there are, besides, further proofs afforded By the daily and ammal balances-Thus, in the daily balance, the cashier must make his vouchers for payments, and his rest (or balance at night) equal all his receipts; and, in the annual balance, the sums die to the customers, together with the effects in hand at the beginning of the year, and the profits, must equal the
effects in hand at the time of taking stock, with the debts due to the house. This the general balance of a banker is similar, in principle, to that of a merchant, or any other man of business.

The first employment of a banker's clerk, is of much risk, as well as responsibility. It chiefly consists in carrying out bills for acceptance and for payment, in which the greatest care and circumspection are indispensable. In leaving bills for acceptance, their particulars must be noted, in order to reclaim them the next day: and, in presenting them for payment, no paper is to be received except Bank of England notes, or a check on a banker for the exact sum of the bill, and signed by the person on whom the bill is drawn. On each bank note, should be immediately written the name of the person from whom it has been received, with the date-and across the front of each banker's draft, should be written the firm of the house into which it is to be paid, by which mark, payment will be refused to any other person or firm. This practice may be useful to persons receiving bank notes and checks, in every department of business.

When the clerk returns home, he must balance his account, by making his cash agree with the bills charged out to him which have been paid; and he must also insert, in the proper column, the success of each bill:-he should then bring forward, in his memorandum book, the bills that he has left for acceptance, and likewise prepare and enter out the other bills that are to be presented the next day. He is afterwards employed, in carrying drafts to and from the clearing house, and in carrying such drafts as have been paid in too late for the clearing to the different houses on which they are drawn, to be marked, which is an acknowledgement that they will be paid the next day.

Clearing,* is a method adopted by city bankers, for exchanging the drafts on each others houses, and settling the dif-ferences.-Thus, at a stated hour in the afternoon, a clerk from

[^28]each attends at the Clearing House, where he brings all the drafts on the other bankers, which have been paid into his house during the course of the day; and, having debited their different accounts with the articles which he has against them, he deposits them in their proper drawers, (a drawer being here allotted to each banker:) he then credits their accounts respectively, with the articles which they have against him, as found in his drawer. Balances are then struck on all the accounts, and the differences are transferred from one to another, until they are so wound up, that each clerk has only to settle with two or three others, which is done in cash, or Bank of England notes. This cuious and complicated operation is performed with surprising dispatch: but, as it is only confided to clerks of experience, any further iustructions here are deemed unnecessary. The same may be observed of the higher employments in a banking house.

## COUNTRY BANKS.

Country Bankers, like those of London, take charge of other mens money, and discount bills, \&c. but they differ from them in many respects.-Some pay an interest, on condition of receiving certain notice before payment is required; others keep a mutual interest account, and charge a commission on their payments. Country Bankers likewise issue their own notes; that is, in discounting bills, or making advances on other securities, they give, instead of cash, their own promissory notes, payable to bearer on demand; which notes, having a currency within certain limits, so far answer the purposes of money or any other circulating medium; and, when they are brought back for payment, they must be discharged either in cash or Bank of England notes. Most of them are also made payable at a London banking house, where the country banker keeps an account like that of any other customer.

## BANK OF LNGLAND.

The Bank of England is similar, in its principles and operations, to private banks. Thus, it takes charge of money, discounts bills, and issues its own notes. It likewise acts as
banker and agent to government, in receiving the revenues, and paying the dividends and other public debts; it also deals in gold and silver bullion, and foreign coins

The Bank of England has been established by a number of proprietors, who have been incoporated by charter, and who have advanced a capital of about twelve milllons, which has been lent to government at a low interest, in consideration of the charter. The dividends on the bank stock are paid from this interest; and from other profits of the business, which accrue, chiefly, from discounts, and dealing in bullion; and from the alIowance of governmeut for agency, which is stated to be $£ 450$ per million for managing the public funds, and about $£ 800$ per million for receiving the contributions to loans.
This institution is under the management of a governer, deputy governor, and twenty-four directors, who are annually chosen from among the proprietors; and the proper qualification of a proprietor is to be possessed of $£ 500$ bank stock for six months previous to the time of voting.

The business of the bank is divided into two departments-the one, under the chief cashier, and the other, under the general accountant. The chief cashier, as banker, transacts all the receipts and payments of money, and issues the bank notes, for which value is always received, either in cash, bullion, approved bills, or government securities.-The general accountant posts these notes as they are issued, and as they are paid off by the cashier : he atso keeps the accounts of the funds, and other public concerns.

The method of opening an account with the bank, is the same as with a private bauker, except that, bere, no cash account is begun with less than '£500; nor any discount accounl opened, without the approbation of the court of directors; and èvery bill cashed, must have on it, at least, two approved names of persons resident in or near London.

The first employment of a clerk in the bank, depends on the nature of the office in which he is placed. If he begin under the chief cashier, in the hall, his employment is similar to that in a banking house; and, if under the general accountant, he
will be placed in some of the stock offices, where the employments are various ; but the books, in every department will be easily understood, by persons acquainted with the objects of the institution, and the principles of book-keeping.

## A GENERAL VIEW OF TIIE BANKING SYSTEM.

In England there are about 400 Country Banks, and 70 London banking houses, with the Bank of England at their fread, which may be considered the great Foundation and Mainspring of the whole. By the joint operation of this system of banks, the trade and commerce of the nation is carried on; and almost all payments finally settled in Bank of England paper: for, since the restriction from paying in specie has been laid upon the Bank, its notes, though not made absolutely a legal tender, have answered all the purposes of cash, and are so denominated in the books of bankers and merchants.

In Scotland there are two public banks and many private ones, all of which are nearly on the principle of English country banks.
In Ireland there is a national bank, constituted after the plan of the Bank of England: also many private banks, similar to those already described.
Foreign Banks are, for the most part, called Banks of Deposit, because the money placed in them is not drawn out, but transferred in payment from one person to another, like stock in the English funds.
The principal banks of deposit are those of Venice, Amsterdam, Hamburgh, Berlin, and Copenhagen. In France various attempts have been formerly made, without success, to establish a national bank; of late, however, one has been instituted, nearly on the plan of the bank of England; but the business of private bankers there consists only in drawing, negociating, and discounting bills of exchange.
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[^0]:    * See Stevin's Book-keeping, applied to Finance,-or Beckman's Inventions and Discoveries.
    $\dagger$ Of these quotations the following may serve as a specimen:
    " Huic ${ }^{\text { }}$ (scil. fortunie) omnia expensa; huic omnia feruntur accepta; et in
    " 20 ta ratione mortalinm sola utramque paginam facit."-Pısn. Lib. II. Cap. 7.

[^1]:    * Snellius, who translated Stevin's Book-keeping into Latin, was obliged to invent new rerms; thus lie calls Book-keeping, Apologistica; the Ledger, Codex accepti expensique; the Waste Book, Liber Deletitius; the Stock Account, Sors; and the Balance Account, Epilogismus, \&rc.
    + A curious exception occurs in the English word Ledger, (formerly spelt Leager, Leidger, Leiger, and Leger. The name of this Book, in the Italian and other southern languages of Europe, signifies the Master Book; in French and Dutch, the Great Book; and in German and other northern languages, the Head Book. The derivations given of Ledger in our principal dictionaries are fanciful and contradictory. According to Railey, it comes from the Latin verb legere, to gather; and Dr. Johnson says it is derived from the Dutch verb legger, (a typographical error for leggen) to lie or remain in a place. 'The word is, perhaps, derived from the Leiger Books, kept in feudal times, for the purpose of recording the Rents, Services, and Duties of Te nants. who were called Liege-men.
    $\ddagger$ Savory, in his Dictionnaire Commercial, says that the Jews first practised Insurance; and the invention of Bills of Exchange is universally ascribed to this commercial people. Now, as they were the principal Merchants of Italy, when Italian Book-keeping was first used, it may be fairly presumed that they had also some share in this invention.

[^2]:    * Vers l'an 1495. "Fière Luc Ifalien de nation, en fit imprimer un traité en " Italien, (c'est le plus ancien Auteur qque j'aie vû sur cette matière) il fut suivi par " ${ }^{6}$ plusieurs Auteurs du même Pays, \& par des Fiançois, qui au commericement du "s siecle suivant nous en ont donné des Méthodes imprimées. Mais l'ordre embar" rassant, \&\& le style long \&\& embrouillé de ces ouvrages, comparés à la netteté \& à la " briéveté qui sont en usage aujourd'hui, font voir combien l'expérlence a poli \& "s abrégé cette Science."-La Science des Negocians et Tencurs de Livres, par M. de la Porte, p. 12. P'aris, 1753.
    + Histoire des Mathématiques, par M. Montucla, tom. I. p. 441-476.
    I The following Title of this Work is preserved in Ames's Typographical Antiquities, vol. 2, p. 743.
    of A briefe instruction and manner how to keepe:bookes of accompts after the or©s der of debitor and creditor, and as well for proper accompts partible, \&c. by "s three bookes, named the memoriall, journall, and leager. Newly augmented
    "s and set forth by John Mellis, schole-maister of London. Imprinted by him "f at the Signe of the White Beare, nigh Baynard's Castle, 1588." In his Epistle to the Reader, Mellis says, "And know ye for certaine, that I presume "s ne vsurpe not to set forth this worke of mine own labour and industrie, for "s truely I am but the reneuer and reuiuer of an auncient old copie printed here " in London the 14 of August 1543."

[^3]:    * In giving an account of the English Writers on Book-keeping, mention may be also made of the following, and nearly in the following order:-Between 1700 and 1796, Snell, Hatton, Matcolm, Miers, Webster, and Stevens;-and since the latter period, Crosby, London, Shortland, Wood, Cook, Sedger, and Dilworth.

[^4]:    October 1, 1802.

[^5]:    * The word Iboc is sometimes used to assist the mernory as being composed of the initials of the Rule-In debtor, out creditor.

    The following Lines may likewise assist the memory in journalising.
    By Journal Laws-what I receive,
    Is Debtor made to what I give;
    Stock for my Debts must Debtor be,
    And Creditor by Property ;
    Profit and Loss Accounts are plain,
    I debit Loss, and credit Gain.

[^6]:    * In every account, there must be a debit and a credit side; and though the latter is not expressed in the Journal, it is understood to follow the word To; or, Cr. msy be read for To. Thus, if the Jouinal statement be Cloth Dr. to A. B. read Cloth Dr. $\dot{C r} . A$. $B$. The creditor may be also known by reversing the statement; for if Cloth be Dr. to A, B. then is $A, B, C r$, by Cloth.

[^7]:    * Somctimes another column is ruled to mark that Folio of the Ledger, in which the second Entry of the same Account is made; in the following short specimens this Column is omitted, but in the Third Set of Books it is adopted. Fiy inserting the page of each Journal account in its corresponding part of the Ledger, and the page of each Ledger account in that part of the Journal from whence it was taken, these two Hooks serve each as an Index to the other; besides which; there is, mostly, an Alphabetical Index prefixed to the Ledger, which gives a reference to every account.
    t The word ro is placed before each Item on the Dr. side of the Ledger, and the word BY before each item on the Cr . side, agreeable to the manner in which these prepositions are expressed or understood in the Journal.

[^8]:    * These, like the Trial Balance, are generally first made on lonse sheets of paper, called the Balance and Profit and Loss sheets. And here it may he observed that though the Trial Balance proves the posting to be correct, a further proof becomes necessary for the closing part, which is shewn in p. 13 \& 14.

[^9]:    * This principle or proof of Bonk-keeping by Double Entry may be thus matheamatically demonstrated :
    Let $S=$ the net Stock at opening the Books.
    $p=$ the Gain or Loss at closing the Books.
    D = the $\mathrm{Dr}_{\mathrm{r}}$ side of the Balance Account.
    $C=$ the $C r$. side of the Balance Account.
    Then $\mathrm{S} \pm \mathrm{p}=\mathrm{N}=$ the net Stock at closing the Books, and $D-C=$ the net Stock at closing the Books.
    Hence (per Ax. 1 Euclid.) $\mathrm{D}-\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{N}$, and therefore $\mathrm{D}=\mathrm{N}+\mathrm{C}$ which was to be proved; that is, the Dr, side of the Balance Account should equal the Cr. side, added the net Stnck.

[^10]:    * In most Counting-houses separate Books are kept for every kind of business. Besides the foregoing, there are Bcoks of Insurance and of Sbipping Accounts-Invoice Book Inward, which is generally a copy of Invoices and Bills of Parcels receivedAccount Current Book, which is the substance of Personal Accounts taken from the Ledger, but in a more detailed and circumstantial form—Warebouse Book, or Stock Book, which keeps an account of the Quantity and Price of each Article of Goods bought and sold, and thus may serve as a Substitute for Real Accounts in the Ledger.

    Various other Books are kept, such as the Order Book-Memorandum Book-Letter Book-Debenture Bouk-Petty Cash Book, \&c. the titles of which are sufficiently explanatory of their uses. Other Bnoks again are adopted, which vary according to the nature of the Business; but whoever comprehends the present System, will easily understand the use of any Subsidiary Books, or even devise such as may be better accommodated to 2 ny particular purpose.

[^11]:    * Commission is sometimes charged on Money advanced for Duty, together with the Gross Amount of the Consignment; and some Factors charge Interest on all Advances.

[^12]:    * When several Invoices are juurnalised together in Columns, (as in Page 6 of the Journal,) the whole Amounts of Merchandize, Charges, Commission, and Insurance, are each posted in one Entry. This Arrangement not only saves labour and repetition in the Journal, and affords checks against error, but it also greatly shor:ens and simplifies the Ledge. Had those six Invoices been journalised separately, there muft have been twenty-four Entries in the Journal, and the same number in the Ledger, which, by this method, are comprised in four.
    + The Balances of Coods unsold in the following Ledger are only those of Mercbandize and Hemp; the former comprehends all Goods bought ant sold on Commission, and the latter is deened a sufficient specimen of Real Accounts.-Merchants, who deal in many articles, generally trace the Profits, Losses, and Balances in a W irebouse Book, or Stock Book, and transfer the amount of each, in one sum, to its proper place in the L:dger.

[^13]:    * The best mode of computing Interest is by Calculation proved or checked by Tables; and the most ready method of Calculation is by a Divisor obtained from the Interest of one Pound for one Day, at the given rate:-Thus at 5 per Cent. per Annum, as $100: 5:: 1: \frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{0}$, and as $365: \frac{1}{2} \frac{0}{0}: 1:: \frac{1 \times 1}{7300}$. Hence, if the Number of Pounds be multiplied by the Number of Days, and tbe Product divided by 7500 , the 2 uotient will be the Interest in Pounds.

    If there are several Products, add them together, and divide the sum by 7300 , and the Quotient is the Interest. Thus to find the Interest of the Cr. side of the following Account-Current: P. 173,
    

    By the above rule, Divisors may be found for all other Rates of Interest: or one Divisor being known, any other may be obtained by Inverse Proportion. Thus, as $5: 7300:: 4 ; 9125$, the Divifor at 4 per Cent. The reason of Inverse Proportion here is obvious, as the greater the Rate the less must be the Divisor, and vice versa.

[^14]:    * The quantum of Damage on Suyars shipped is estimated, without paying any regard to the Invoice from the West Indies, as follows:
    Of 80 Hhds. of Sugar, the 60 which were landed free from Damage
    Cwt.
    
    
    And as the Insurance was made at $£ 25$. per Hhd, say,
    If 12 Cwt .2 qrsa $\ddagger \mathfrak{x} 25 .:: 125$ Cwt. : $£ 250$.
    to be paid by the Underwriters.

[^15]:    * Exchange being a subject necessarily connected with Merchants' Accounts, a short system is here annexed, which may be considered the more useful, at this time, as it comprehends the alterations recently made in the Exchanges of France, Holland, and Italy.

    As the following Tract is merely intended for School practice, it is rendered as concise and simple as the nature of the subject would allow. Those places are chiefly noticed which have a direct Exchange with London, and which are comprehended in Lloyd's List; Persons, however, who understand what is here explained may easily inform themselves of any further particulars by consulting larger works, such as The Negociator's Magazine, the Britisb Negociator, Lex Mercatoria, (5th Edition, by Mortimer,) Tesbemacber's Tables, Bewicke's Tables, \&c.

[^16]:    * See p. 59 Bill 2.-G. Holland is the Drawer, G. Binns the Payee, and A. B. the Drawee and Acceptor.

[^17]:    * For the Laws of Bills of Exchange, see Kyd, Edition 3d.
    + When the Term of a Bill is expressed in Months, Calender Months are understood. -Thus, if a Bill at One Month be dated Jan. 1, the Term or Month expires Feb. 1; and if the Bill were dated Jan. 28, 29, 30, or 31, the Month would expire on the last day of February; but on Leap Year, allowance must be made for the intercalary day.
    $\ddagger$ The Par of Exchange is not, in general, accurately fixed, on account of the frequent alterations made in the Coins of different Countries, and likewise the fluctuation in the comparative Value of Gold and Silver ; the Par is, perhaps, best determined by the Estimate of Merchants at any particular time; but Books on the sub. ject are generally confused and contradictory, which is frequently owing to the want of distinguishing between Intrinsic and Political Far. The Pars here given (P. 185 and 195) though taken from the best authorities, are not all considered perfectly correct, but they are sufficiently so to shew whether the Course of Exchange is for, or against, a place.

[^18]:    * By Fineness is understood the proportion of pure Gold or Silver, and of Alloy in any Coin. In England the Standard of Gold is 22 Carrats fine.: that is 22 Parts of pure Gold and 2 of Copper, the Carrat being the 24th Part of the Weight. The Standard of Silver is 11 oz. 2 diwts, of pure Silver to 18 dwts. of Copper, making together One Pound Troy. This Standard is, said to have been fixed is: the Reign of Richard I. by Persons from the Eastern Parts of Germany, called Easterlings, and hence the word Sterling, which is now applied to all lawful Money of Great Britain,

[^19]:    * It may be here observed, that English Writers on Exchanges do not always spell the Foreign Monies after the Foreign manner, and they even frequently differ among themselves, In the present Tract, the most general mode of English Spel ling is adopted.

[^20]:    * The Mon'es of Hamburgh may be more particularly distinguished under Five Heads:

    1. Bank Money, which is inscribed in the Bank Books, and transferred in Payment from one Person to another.
    2. Specie, or the hard Rix-dollar, worth (full weight) about $\frac{1}{2}$ per Cent more than Kanco.
    III. The Gold Ducat, which is about 1 per Cent. better or worse than Banco, accord--ing to the Price of Bullion.
    IV. Light Coin, composed chiefly of Foreign Monies, which lose about 88 per Cent. against Banco.
    V. Currency, which consists of various denominations of Silver Money coined at Hamburgh since the year 1726 .
    The Par between Hambro' Banco and Currency is reckoned at 23 per Cent. Agio, or 13 Marks Banco for $\mathbf{6} \mathbf{~ M a r k s ~ C u r r e n c y . ~ - ~ T h e ~ P a r ~ b e t w e e n ~ E n g l i s h ~ M o n e y ~ a n d ~ C u r - ~}$ rency is 43 s . Flem. for $£ 1$. Sterl. ; but there can be no permanent Par with Banco, because the Agio is fuctuating.-If the Agio be 23, one Pound Sterl. equals $34 \mathrm{~s} .11 \frac{1}{4} \mathrm{~d}$. but by the estimate of Merchants, the Par is from 34s. 7d. to 34s. 10d. varying according to the Price of gold and silver, and the fluctration of the Agio.
    $\dagger$ Hamburgh Money was formerly distinguished by the word Lubs (from Lubeck, the place of coinage;) but this term, though still retained in books of exchange seems out of use among men of business, the word Hambro' being substituted.
[^21]:    * The Money of Spain is cistinguished into Plate and Vellon, and the former is to the latter as 32 to 17 -that is, 32 Rials Vellon $=17$ Rials of Plate. In Exchanges with England Plate only is used. A difference is sometimes made between the Effective Money and the Government Paper-There is also a difference between the monies used for exterior and interior Commerce; the latter money even varies in different Provinces of Spain.

[^22]:    * Formerly Venice negociated Exchanges with London by giving the Ducat Banco for an uncertain number of Pence Ste:ling; but the Bank Money of that place has been of late at a considerable Discount.

    There are at, Venice three sorts of Money, or Valuta, namely, Valuta di Banco, in which the Bank keeps Accounts; Valuta Corrente, which is the Standard of their coin; and Valuta Picola, used for the sale and purchase of Merchandize :- The first sort has been reckoned 20 per Cent. better than the second, and the second 20 per Cent. better than the third.

[^23]:    * Questions in Exchange, which are performed by the Rule of Three, are proved by reversing the Iroportions, and carrying the Remainders, if any, to their proper places.

[^24]:    * Bills of Exchange are mostly drawn in the Money of the . Places where they are to be paid.
    + When London gives the Certain, the higher the Exchange is, the more it is in her favour ; but the reverse takes place, when she gives the Uncertain or variable Price. See page 184 and 185.

[^25]:    ＊Bills of Exchange are generally bought and sold through the medium of Brokers， and the Agent．who employs the Kroker also charges his Commissim．

[^26]:    * When the Returns are to be made directly, the Remittances are discounted, and here it may be observed, that the Interest of Money on the Continent is not limited, but fưquates according to the Plenty or Scarcity of Cash, or the Credit of Paper.

[^27]:    * Lists of the Course of Exchange (containing the variable price only) are issued from the principal trading places of Europe. Such are here explained as are most generally useful to English Merchants.

[^28]:    * Clearing, though of modern adoption in London, has been long practised in other places, particularly at the great fairs of Lyops, where the payments were first made in bills, and finally settled by a general clearing, called virement de parties. The invention is ascribed to the Florentines.

